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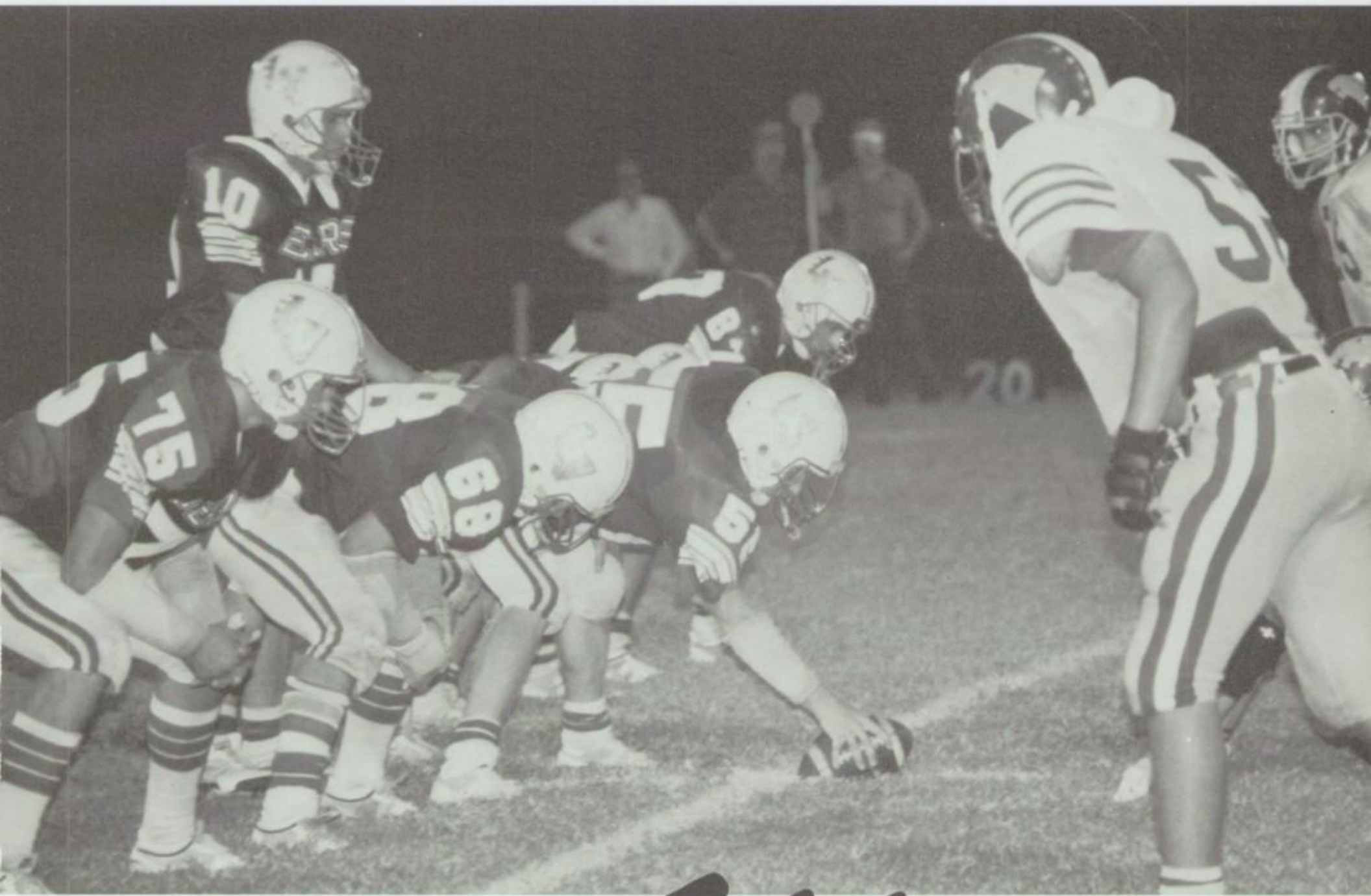






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# Competitions challenge district

A year of challenges faced students and faculty at every turn. From athletics to academics competition was arduous. The struggle to keep La Vernia on top occupied everyone's thoughts. Records set in the previous year had to be maintained or improved.

Students in the elementary school were faced with individual responsibility. Their lives changed when they learned that they were accountable.

Intermediate students faced changes. They had a new routine to follow and new activities to join. These changes were met as a challenge, as well as the adventure of growing up.

In the high school, everyone faced the challenge of making the grade. From football season in the fall to UIL season in the spring, teams felt the pressure to come out on top. Dedication to commitment was obvious as each student **put it all on the line.**



**Varsity Bear's** football team is on the line against the Woodsboro Eagles. After this victory the Bears advanced to area and regional playoffs.

**David Bray** and **John Huckleba** solve the problems in their program during Computer Science II. Under the guidance of Mr. Duane Strecker, two computer teams from LaVernia High School competed successfully at district, area, and state competitions in February and April.



**Competitions** sometimes can be fun. The varsity volleyball players participated in a rap contest sponsored by the varsity cheerleaders.







**The Bear Band** warms up before regional marching contest. The band received a I at district and went on to regional.



**Mrs. Nan Dockery's** algebra class practices finding area on a cake and enjoys eating it after they finished. Mrs. Dockery joined the La Vernia staff this year as a science and math teacher.

**The seventh grade** girls face their opponent bravely. This was their first year to play competitive sports.



**In the elementary school** students begin to learn about making the grade. Mrs. Sheri Toos gathered a group of students for a specialized lesson.



# Administration draws the line

At the beginning of the year, Dr. Preston C. Stephens, superintendent, encouraged students, faculty, and staff to put forth their best effort to make 1987-88 productive and successful. His theme for the new year was: **I make a difference.**

Mrs. Mary Bordner, secretary of the superintendent, handled all computer related activities for the school district, as well as school board matters. She was assisted by Mrs. Janice Gimbel in the front office.

The administrative team was

Representative Eldon Edge is thanked by Dr. Preston Stephens for his speech to the school's staff and teachers. Mr. Edge, a former teacher, represents District 45 in the Texas House of Representatives.

Mr. Paul Kalkwarf, coordinator of bus services, stops to inform his co-workers of the plans he has made. Mr. Kalkwarf also served as intermediate school principal.

comprised of Dr. Preston C. Stephens, superintendent, Mr. James Maher, high school principal, Mr. Paul Kalkwarf, intermediate school principal, Mrs. Marie Gerlich, elementary school principal, and Mr. Mark Wiatrek, athletic director.

Concern with the threat of becoming a 3A district dominated the school year. The administration stressed the need for higher standards and the achievement of success in all areas.



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## La Vernia I.S.D.

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Dr. Preston C. Stephens  
Superintendent



Mr. James Maher  
High School Principal



Mr. Paul Kalkwarf  
Intermediate Principal



Mrs. Marie Gerlich  
Elementary Principal



Mr. Mark Wiatrek  
Athletic Director





**School board members** are: Mr. Lothar Puhlman, Mr. Joseph Cicherski, Mr. Edward Sawberger Jr., Mr. Charles Roseland, Dr. Preston C. Stephens, superintendent, Mr. Albert Sodrok, Mrs. Susan Edwards, and Mr. Thomas Hime, president.

**Working diligently** on school issues keeps Mr. Thomas Hime busy. He served as school board president.

**Dr. Preston C. Stephens** discusses plans to make our electric system more efficient with Jack Johnson and Mike Absure from GVEC.



# Administration



**Mrs. Jane Wiatrek**  
Counselor



**Mrs. Mary Bordner**  
Superintendent's  
Secretary



**Mrs. Janice Gimbel**  
Assistant Secretary



**Mrs. Kasey Dickson**  
Nurse



**Mrs. Karen Baillon**  
District Librarian



**Maintenance men are:** Donald Gunselman, Bob Woosley, and Lester Geddie.



**Bus drivers are:** Edgar Gutz, Bonnie Cervanka, Connie Mace, Jelina James, Jody Coulter, Helen Zaiontz, Mary Zigmond, and Paul Kalkwarf. Kneeling: Nan Barthold. Not pictured are: Eleanore Kotzur, Martha Hempfleng, Dessie Campos, Larry Moore, Jan Moore, and Jeanette Ploch.



**Cooks are:** Connie Mace, Dessie Campos, Helen Zaiontz, Nan Barthold, Gertrude Pierdolla, Martha Hempfleng, Bertha Walpole, Mary Jo Winkler, and Eleanore Kotzur.



**Custodians are:** Celia Rangel, Graciela Leija, Charlene Orrender, Linda Haese, and Irene Pacheco. Not pictured are: Frances Jefferson, Elisa Saldana, and Yolanda Mora.



**Karen Weiss and Mary Lynn Shierer demonstrate CPR techniques to the health classes. EMS provided this community service.**



**Mr. Donnie Demoin poses for a picture on the gazebo that he helped build. Mr. Demoin was the PTO president.**



# Numerous adults serve LVHS



Adults vitalize many student activities within La Vernia ISD. They fully supported the students.

Many staff members started working before the first bell rang and worked long after the last bell sounded. Among the support groups were bus drivers, maintenance men, custodians, and the kitchen staffs. Volunteers included PTO members, band boosters, and athletic boosters.

Supporting the students was hard work, but these adults did not seem to mind. Their hard work, efficiency and organizational skills provided the framework for a successful year.

Awaiting the band's performance at Regional Marching Contest are band parents Mrs. Diana Beran, Mrs. Shirley Huckleba, Mrs. Mary Rutledge, and Mr. Jim Rutledge. The Band Booster president was Mr. Al Gonzales.



**Mr. Clem Pollok** watches intensely as the Varsity Boys Basketball team play against Stockdale. Mr. Pollok was the Athletic Boosters president.





# Big Blue tromps Marion

Pushing their way into a packed Bear Stadium, La Vernia and Marion football fans watched the biggest gridiron battle of the season. This was Homecoming for La Vernia, and that made the fans more tense. The game, played on October 9, ended with the Bears winning 21-14. The outcome was in doubt several times, which added to the excitement of the contest. La Vernia and Marion are two of the most competitive teams in the district, especially when they play each other, and the victory was sweet.

The week before the Homecoming game was Spirit Week for students. The students dressed up

appropriately, depending on what theme day it was. There were hat and shades, crazy, Hawaiian, nerd, and the traditional blue and white day.

On Thursday, the annual bonfire was lit on the west side of the Elementary School. A pep rally took place in front of the City Hall prior to the blazing exhibit, and the band led a parade of the cheerleaders, dance team, and football players through town.

During the halftime performance, Jeannie Ploch was crowned the new Homecoming queen by Dana Young, last year's queen.



**Flying high,** the Cheerleaders amaze the crowd at the pep rally with their leaps and bounds. The spirited week preceding the game was organized by the cheerleaders.

**Forming an arc,** the band begins its halftime performance for the pep rally. The halftime show was performed by the band for District UIL competition on October 24.



**The Homecoming Court:** Sophomores Jennifer Theis and Chad Dawes; Juniors Dana Durbon and Andy Stuart; Seniors Shannon Loep and David Burns; Seniors Traci Johnson and Troy Malish; Seniors Jeannie Ploch and Clint Hartmann; and Freshmen Janelle Haese and Curtis Swize.



The bonfire raises the spirit of the football team, cheerleaders, band, danceteam, and fans. As the flames grew, so did the anticipation.



After a successful first down, Michael Baumann and Lance Montgomery exchange a high five. The Bears kept their enthusiasm even when the score became close and Marion threatened to win the game.

Coach Mark Wiatrek makes his annual speech in front of City Hall. He successfully predicted a victory over the Bulldogs.

David Stahl (09), Marion's runningback, is stopped by a host of Bears. Throughout the season, the Defense was key to La Vernia's success.



Crystal Clark, Shannon Wolfe, Jeannie Ploch, and Kerry Friederick end the danceteam's Surf City routine. The show was performed during the Homecoming pep rally in Bear Stadium.

Jeannie Ploch smiles excitedly as Dana Young passes on her crown during halftime. Jeannie was elected by the student body to receive the honor of Homecoming Queen.



Head Cheerleader Nicole Payne receives a homecoming surprise. Mrs. Kathy Freeman gave each cheerleader balloons for homecoming.







**Ms. Patricia Paradis** is the chief inspector in the Halloween spook house. The spook house was constructed and manned by the Junior Class.



**Kristen Kruciak** exemplifies the helpful student. The dessert booth was one of the more successful, and by the end of the afternoon, all booths were ready for action.

**The Carnival King and Queen Candidates:** Seniors Clint Hartmann and Renee Hild; Juniors Jody Kunze and Debby Henkes; Sophomores Roger Keller and Michelle Fender; Freshmen Keith Balcar and Crystal Clark. Clint and Renee were chosen to be the Carnival King and Queen.





# Citizens celebrate Halloween



Dressed up in scary and funny Halloween costumes, hordes of students, teachers, and parents roamed the PTO Carnival at the high school on Saturday, October 31.

The day began with people setting up and preparing their projects for the festive night. Each grade level had a different booth, which was assembled with the help of parents, teachers, and students. Profits were divided between PTO and the classes.

Traditionally, the most popular event is the spook house sponsored by the Junior Class. Because of an accident with fire extinguishers, the spook house was forced to close. Other than this incident, the evening was a howling success.

**Randy Goodale** is painted with Halloween spirit. The face painting booth was one of the non-competitive booths.



**Sharon McGee** and **Rhonda Broll** take a break in their routine to get into the Halloween spirit. Most elementary teachers dressed up as raisins.



A fairy tale princess comes to life. **Lori Jurek** was one of the many costumed youngsters in attendance at the PTO Carnival.



**Mr. Edward Doege** tries his luck at the coin toss booth. The booth was sponsored by the Sophomore Class.





# High School



The reputation of any school district depends on the accomplishments of its high school. It is a heavy responsibility.

The spirit of L.V.H.S. was very competitive. Students and teachers worked together to support and excel in all areas. With the possibility of La Vernia going 3A in '88, the competitive spirit of the school was at an all-time high.

The success and finesse of La Vernia can be attributed to its outstanding people on the front line.

## *The Front Line*

Shannon Loep, Rebecca Wildenstein, and Amy Allen reflect the winning spirit felt by all at La Vernia High. With so many successful teams the pride of accomplishment seemed to affect nearly every student.



"Ten years from now I will remember Mr. Schnitz and my experiences in Ag. Right now I look forward to coming to school to see my friends. I enjoy the variety of classes and the fact that all grades are grouped together."

— Sammi Hunt,  
Freshman



# CLASS OF '88



Amy Allen



Deborah Arrendondo



Sophie Artillan



Troy Balcar



Jacqui Borders



David Bray



Alvist Brooks



Shelia Brooks



David Burns



Annie Cantu



Christi Carson



Mary Chagoya



Mona Church



Stephen Cicherski

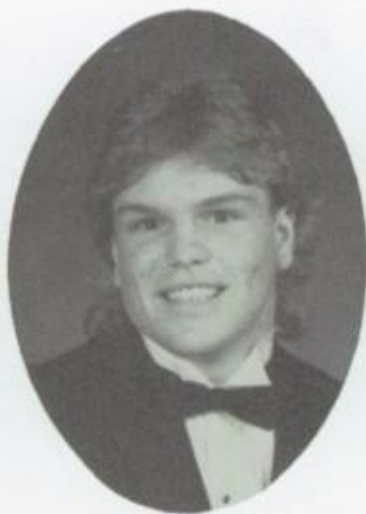


Steve Dobbins





Phillip Dylla



Shelton Fowler



Janie Garza



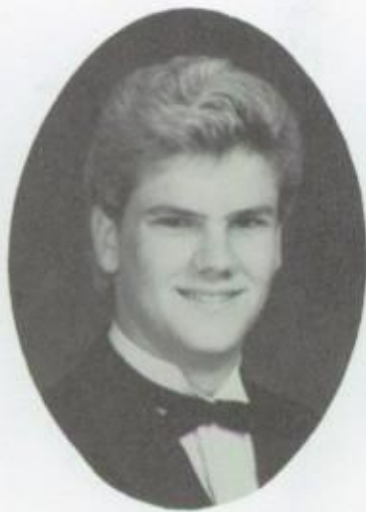
Kimberly Gerhardt



Mario Gonzales



Mark Gonzales



Jody Graham



Carol Grier



Marc Grothues



John Grun



Clint Hartmann



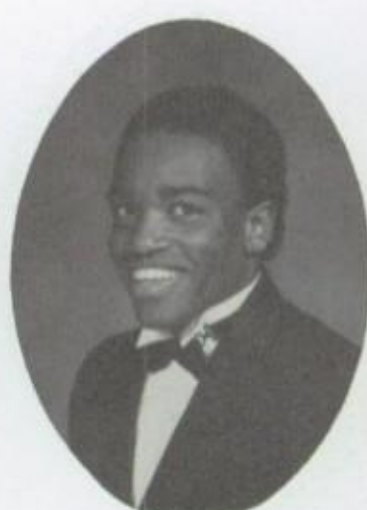
Renee Hild



Shannon Hunt



Stephanie Jackson



Larry Jefferson



David Jenschke



Traci Johnson



John Koenig



Audrey Kosub



Rick Kramer





Keith Kretschmar



Craig Lackey



Renee Laskowski



Martha Leija



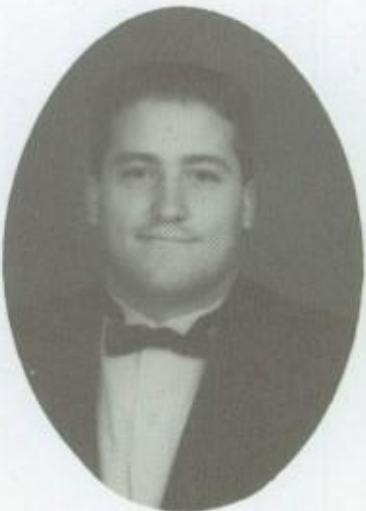
Randy Lock



Shannon Loep



Troy Malish



Lance Montgomery



Roslyn Niemietz



Brian Oatman



Jean Ploch



Andy Rivas



Christine Rocha



Scott Rollf



Jeff Schrader

# SENIORS



Kathy Swize

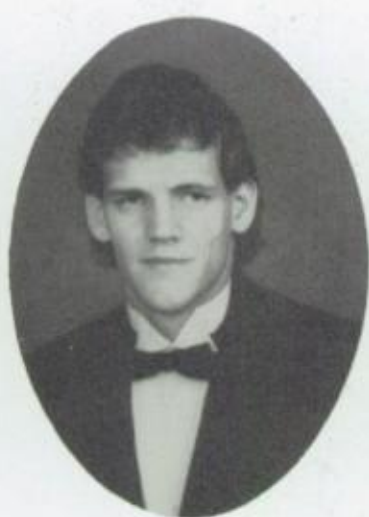


Tracy Valerio





Kari Volkmann



Brian Walden



Bobby West



Shay Westerburg



Rebecca Wildenstein



Jimmy Winkler



Joey Winkler



Shannon Wolfe



Susan Ybarra



Patricia Zenner

## Seniors survive HB 72

The Class of 1988 endured many changes during their education, with House Bill 72 being the biggest. They were the first class to go through all four years of high school under the bill. The seniors experienced and dealt with "No

Pass/ No Play" and the anxiety of passing the exit level T.E.A.M.S. test. Passing the required courses with 70 percent caused problems for some students, but the class rose to the challenge.

Mrs. Jane Wiatrek stated, "There was massive confusion the first year, and several adjustments had to be made; however, all in all, this class was able to take things in stride and come through it all with few casualties. To me the class of '88 will always be remembered as

the class who had to cope with great changes and who set the standard for those who follow."

Most teachers will remember the Class of '88 as a fun-loving group whose social skills equal their academic and athletic abilities. A large percentage of the class planned to go to college, and many students spent hours at Mrs. Wiatrek's computer trying to improve their SAT scores.



**Senior Class Officers:** Top Row: Jeff Schrader, historian; John Koenig, president; Craig Lackey, treasurer; Bottom Row: Bobby West, sergeant-at-arms; Roslyn Niemietz, vice president; Christi Carson, secretary; Shelton Fowler, sergeant-at-arms.



The smiling face of Jennifer Richie will be missed by the Class of '88. April 18, 1970-July 3, 1987.



# Active LVHS graduates honored

At the conclusion of thirteen years of school, various seniors have become well known for activities. Several members of the Class of 1988 have been recognized as being outstanding in some way.

Representing the whole student body, Mr. and Miss LVHS come from the members of the Senior Class. The honor is given annually to a couple who the students believe are examples of this year's graduating class.

The members of LVHS Who's Who were selected from among the Senior Class on the basis of academics, activities, and citizenship. They are chosen by the teachers and must be in the top quarter of the class.

The Senior Class conducted sales campaigns throughout the school year to raise money for the senior trip. The senior car wash was the most successful fund raiser.

At the end of the year, many seniors were recognized for their athletic and academic work, rewards for a job well done.

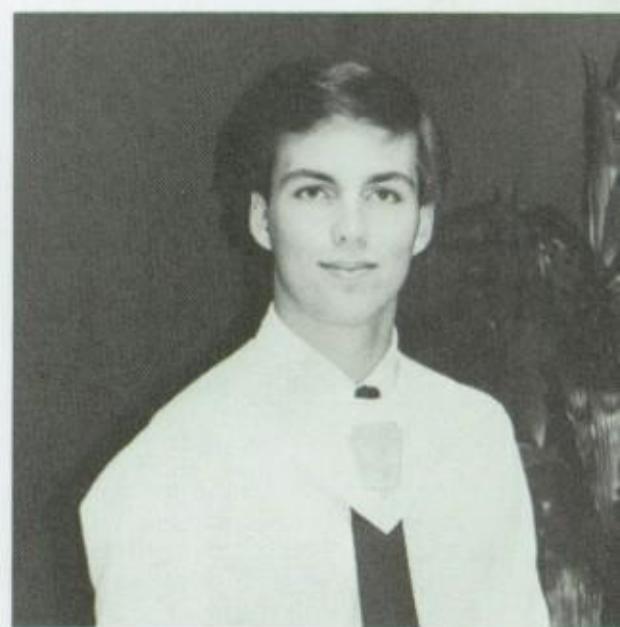
**Mr. and Miss LVHS**  
Clint Hartmann  
Shannon Loep



**Who's Who**  
David Bray



**Who's Who**  
Christi Carson



**Who's Who**  
Stephen Cicherski



Jacqui Borders and Christi Carson discuss the football game in progress. Jacqui and Christi were a common sight at all football games.



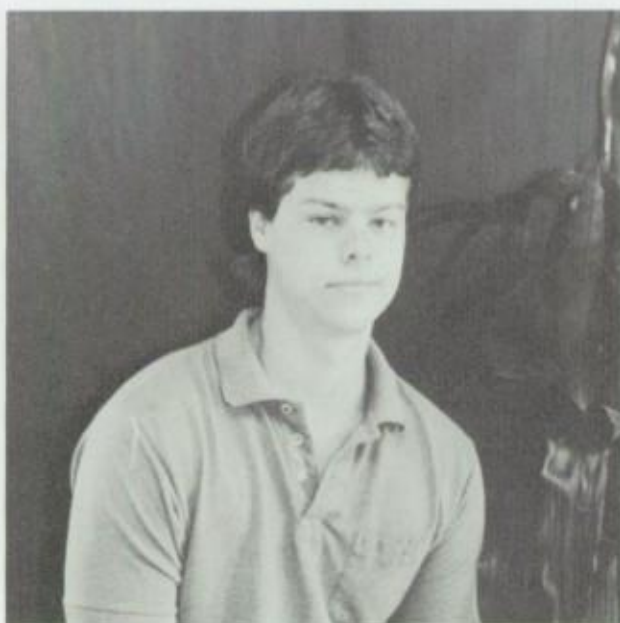
The seniors take a break during their car wash. The Class of '88 had many fund raisers, and the car wash was the most successful.



**Presidential Academic Fitness Awards:** Top Row: Craig Lackey, Steve Dobbins, Stephen Cicherski, and David Bray; Bottom Row: Christi Carson, Audrey Kosub, and Patti Zenner. Not Pictured: Kim Gerhardt, Shelia Brooks, and Amy Allen.



**Who's Who**  
Audrey Kosub



**Who's Who**  
Craig Lackey



**Who's Who**  
Patti Zenner



# Senior Accomplishments



**Class Favorites**  
Jeannie Ploch  
Lance Montgomery



**Best Dressed**  
Rebecca Wildenstein  
Jeff Schrader



**Most Athletic**  
Patti Zenner  
Larry Jefferson

**Amy Allen.** J.V. Volleyball, V. Track, Pep Squad (Co-Captain), Newspaper Staff (Feature Editor), Spanish Club.

**Deborah Arredondo.** Band, Pep Squad, FHA.

**Sophie Artillan.** V. Tennis, UIL (Accounting), Spanish Club.

**Troy Balcar.** J.V. Basketball, V. Basketball, J.V. Baseball, V. Baseball, Newspaper Staff (Sports Editor), FFA, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Society of Distinguished American H.S. Students, Spanish Club.

**Jacqui Borders.** Newspaper Staff (Reporter), FHA, UIL (Newswriting, Editorial Writing, Headlines), Academic All-American, Spanish Club, One-Act Play (stage crew).

**David Bray.** J.V. Basketball, National Honor Society (Hist./Rep.), Yearbook Staff (Business Manager), UIL (Numbersense, Calculator), Academic All-American, National English Merit Award, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Society of Distinguished American H.S. Students, Spanish Club, Most Promising Future, LVHS Who's Who, Carr Academic Scholarship, Hochheim Prairie Insurance Association Scholarship.

**Alvist Brooks.** J.V. Football, V. Football, FFA, Bear 200 Club, 4-H.

**Shelia Brooks.** J.V. Basketball, V. Track, J.V. Tennis, Pep Squad, Sophomore Class Treasurer, Halloween Candidate, Who's Who Among High School Students, Spanish Club, 4-H.

**David Burns.** Yearbook Staff, FFA, Spanish Club.

**Annie Cantu.** V. Volleyball (Second Team All-District, Honorable Mention), V. Basketball, J.V. Basketball, V. Track, Freshman Class Treasurer.

**Christi Carson.** J.V. Volleyball, V. Volleyball, J.V. Basketball, V. Basketball, V. Tennis, Band, National Honor Society, Student Council, Yearbook Staff, FHA, Freshman Class President, Sophomore and Senior Class Secretary, UIL (Literary Criticism),

Who's Who Among American High School Students, Spanish Club, 4-H, Most Outgoing, LVHS Who's Who.

**Mary Chagoya.** V. Track, V. Tennis, Student Council, Newspaper Staff (News Editor), FHA, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Spanish Club.

**Mona Church.** J.V. Volleyball, V. Volleyball (First Team All-District), J.V. Basketball, V. Basketball, V. Track, V. Tennis, Band, Dance Team, Who's Who Among American High School Students, MVP Volleyball.

**Stephen Cicherski.** J.V. Football, V. Football, National Honor Society, Student Council, UIL (Prose, Persuasive Speech), Who's Who Among American High School Students, Society of Distinguished American High School Students, Bear 200 Club, Spanish Club, 4-H (Treasurer), One-Act Play (All-Star Cast, Honorable Mention), LVHS Who's Who.

**Steve Dobbins.** J.V. Football, Yearbook Staff (Senior Section Editor), FFA, UIL (Science), Who's Who Among American High School, Spanish Club.

**Philip Dylla.** J.V. Football, V. Football (First Team All-District Tackle), J.V. Basketball, V. Basketball, J.V. Baseball, V. Baseball, Newspaper Staff, FFA, Society of Distinguished American High School Students, Bear 200 Club, 4-H, Wilson Co. Peanut Growers Association Scholarship.

**Shelton Fowler.** J.V. Football, V. Football, J.V. Basketball, Newspaper Staff, FFA, Senior Class Sgt.-at-Arms, Bear 200 Club.

**Janie Garza.** Band (Uniform Clerk), Newspaper Staff (Reporter), FHA (Fourth Vice President), UIL (Solo, Ensemble), Spanish Club.

**Kim Gerhardt.** Newspaper Staff (Editor-in-Chief), FHA, UIL (Accounting), Academic All-American, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Spanish Club, French Club (Treasurer).

**Mario Gonzales.** V. Track, FHA.

**Carol Grier.** J.V. Basketball, V. Track, V. Tennis, Pep Squad, FHA, FFA, Freshman Class Secretary, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Spanish Club, French Club.

**Marc Grothues.** J.V. Basketball, V. Basketball, Newspaper Staff (Music Critic), FFA, One-Act Play (Stage Crew), Class Clown.

**John Grun.** J.V. Football, V. Football.

**Clint Hartmann.** J.V. Football, V. Basketball, J.V. Track, V. Basketball, Newspaper Staff, FFA, Sophomore Class President, Halloween King, Bear 200 Club, Memorial Scholarship.

**Renee Hild.** J.V. Volleyball, J.V. Basketball, V. Track, Band, Yearbook Staff, Newspaper Staff, Halloween Queen, Spanish Club.

**Shannon Hunt.** J.V. Football, V. Football, J.V. Baseball, Powerlifting (Regional Qualifier), Newspaper Staff (Art Editor), FFA, Sophomore Class Sgt.-at-Arms, Bear 200 Club.

**Stephanie Jackson.** J.V. Volleyball, V. Volleyball, Pep Squad (President), FFA, Halloween Candidate, French Club.

**Larry Jefferson.** J.V. Football, V. Football (First Team All-District), V. Basketball (Honorable Mention), V. Track (Regional Qualifier), Most Athletic.

**David Jenschke.** J.V. Football, V. Football (Manager), J.V. Basketball, V. Basketball (Manager), V. Tennis, V. Golf, J.V. Baseball, V. Baseball, FFA, Bear 200 Club, Spanish Club, 4-H, American Legion Award.

**Traci Johnson.** V. Track, Pep Squad, Dance Team (Captain), Newspaper Staff (Feature Editor), Homecoming Duchess and Candidate, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Miss La Verne Pageant, Spanish Club.

**William Klatt.** Seguin H.S. 2 yr. Vo. Ag.

**John Koenig.** J.V. Football (Captain), V. Football (All-District, Captain), J.V. Basketball, V. Golf, Student Council, FFA, Junior Class Sgt.-at-Arms.



Senior Class President, Bear 200 Club, Spanish Club.

**Audrey Kosub.** Band (Treasurer, Secretary), Band Sweetheart, National Honor Society (Vice President, President), Student Council (Treasurer), Yearbook Staff (Co-Editor, Editor), FHA, Junior Class Treasurer, UIL (Spelling, Headlines), Academic All-American, Scholastic All-American, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Society of Distinguished American High School Students, National English Merit Award, Girls State, Spanish Club, One-Act Play (Stage Crew), Most Promising Future, LVHS Who's Who, Carr Academic Scholarship, Robert C. Byrd Scholarship, American Legion Award, Valedictorian.

**Rick Kramer.** J.V. Football, V. Football, FFA (Chapter Conducting Sentinel), Bear 200 Club, Bear 250 Club, Spanish Club.

**Keith Kretschmar.** Newspaper Staff (Reporter), FFA, Spanish Club.

**Craig Lackey.** Student Council, Yearbook Staff (Photographer), FFA (Chapter Conducting Vice President), Junior Class Secretary, Senior Class Treasurer, UIL (Informative Speaking), Who's Who Among American High School Students, Spanish Club, One-Act Play (Honorable Mention, All-Star Cast), LVHS Who's Who.

**Renee Laskowski.** J.V. Tennis, V. Tennis, Newspaper Staff (Editorial Editor), FHA.

**Martha Leija.** Pep Squad, Newspaper Staff (Editorial Editor, Assistant Editor), FHA (Second Vice President).

**Shannon Loep.** J.V. Track (Regional and State Qualifier), V. Cheerleader, Newspaper Staff, FHA (Historian, President), Halloween Candidate, Homecoming Duchess and Candidate, Who's Who Among American High School Students.

**Troy Malish.** J.V. Basketball, V. Basketball, J.V. Baseball, V. Baseball, Newspaper Staff (Head Photographer), FFA, Halloween

Candidate, Spanish Club.

**Lance Montgomery.** J.V. Football, V. Football (All-District Fullback), J.V. Basketball, V. Track, J.V. Baseball, V. Baseball, Halloween Candidate, Bear 200 Club, Bear 250 Club, Bear 300 Club, Class Favorite, Football Scholarship, MVP Football.

**Roslyn Niemietz.** V. Track, Band (Vice President), Band Sweetheart, Twirler, Student Council (Sgt.-at-Arms), Newspaper Staff, FHA, FFA (Greenhand President), Junior Class Vice President, Senior Class President, UIL (Accounting), Miss La Vernia Pageant (First Runner-Up), French Club (President), Class Clown, Sam Rayburn-William Mayo Residential Scholarship.

**Brian Oatman.** J.V. Football, V. Football (Captain), J.V. Basketball, V. Track, J.V. Baseball, V. Baseball, Powerlifting, FFA, Bear 200 Club, Bear 250 Club.

**Jean Ploch.** V. Track, J.V. Basketball, Dance Team (Second Lieutenant, Co-Captain), J.V. Cheerleader, Yearbook Staff, FHA, Homecoming Duchess and Queen, Christmas Candidate, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Spanish Club, 4-H (Eleventh Sgt.-at-Arms), Class Favorite.

**Andy Rivas.** J.V. Football, V. Football, V. Baseball, Bear 200 Club.

**Christine Rocha.** Newspaper Staff, Spanish Club.

**Scott Rollf.** J.V. Football, V. Golf, V. Baseball, Band, Yearbook Staff, Newspaper Staff, FFA, Spanish Club.

**Jeff Schrader.** J.V. Football (Captain), V. Football (All-District, Captain), V. Golf, V. Baseball, Powerlifting, Newspaper Staff, FFA, Senior Class Historian, Academic All-American, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Bear 200 Club, Bear 250 Club, German Club, One-Act Play, Best Dressed, MVP Baseball, Army Scholar Athlete Award.

**Jason Stroebele.** V. Track, FFA.

**Kathy Swize.** J.V. Volleyball, Pep Squad, Dance Team, Newspaper

Staff (Circulation Manager), FHA, Who's Who Among American High School Students, 4-H (Secretary).

**Tracy Valerio.** J.V. Baseball.

**Kari Volkmann.** Student Council, FHA (Second Vice President).

**Bobby West.** J.V. Football, V. Football, FFA (Reporter), Senior Class Sgt.-at-Arms, Bear 200 Club, Bear 250 Club, Most Outgoing.

**Shay Westerburg.** J.V. Volleyball, V. Volleyball (Captain), V. Track, V. Tennis, Dance Team (Fourth Lieutenant), Yearbook Staff, FFA (Secretary), Miss La Vernia Pageant (Miss La Vernia).

**Rebecca Wildenstein.** J.V. Basketball, V. Track, Band, Dance Team (First Lieutenant), FFA, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Spanish Club, 4-H, One-Act Play (All Star Cast, Honorable Mention), Best Dressed.

**Jimmy Winkler.** Band, Band Beau, FFA.

**Joey Winkler.** Band, FFA.

**Shannon Wolfe.** J.V. Volleyball, V. Volleyball (Honorable Mention), J.V. Basketball, V. Basketball, V. Track, V. Tennis, Band, Dance Team (Fourth Lieutenant, Captain), J.V. Cheerleader, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Spanish Club, MVP Tennis.

**Patti Zenner.** V. Volleyball (First Team All-District, Captain), V. Basketball (Second Team All-District, Honorable Mention, Captain), V. Tennis, V. Track, MVP Volleyball and Basketball, Band (Drum Major), National Honor Society (Sec./Treas.), Student Council, Junior Class President, UIL (Spelling, Poetry, Prose), Academic All-American, U.S. Achievement Academy, National English Merit Award, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Society of Distinguished American High School Students, Most Athletic, Spanish Club, 4-H (Treasurer), LVHS Who's Who, Merit Scholarship, MVP Volleyball and Basketball, Army Scholar Athlete Award, Salutatorian.



**Class Clown**  
Roslyn Niemietz  
Marc Grothues



**Most Outgoing**  
Christi Carson  
Bobby West



**Most Promising Future**  
Audrey Kosub  
David Bray



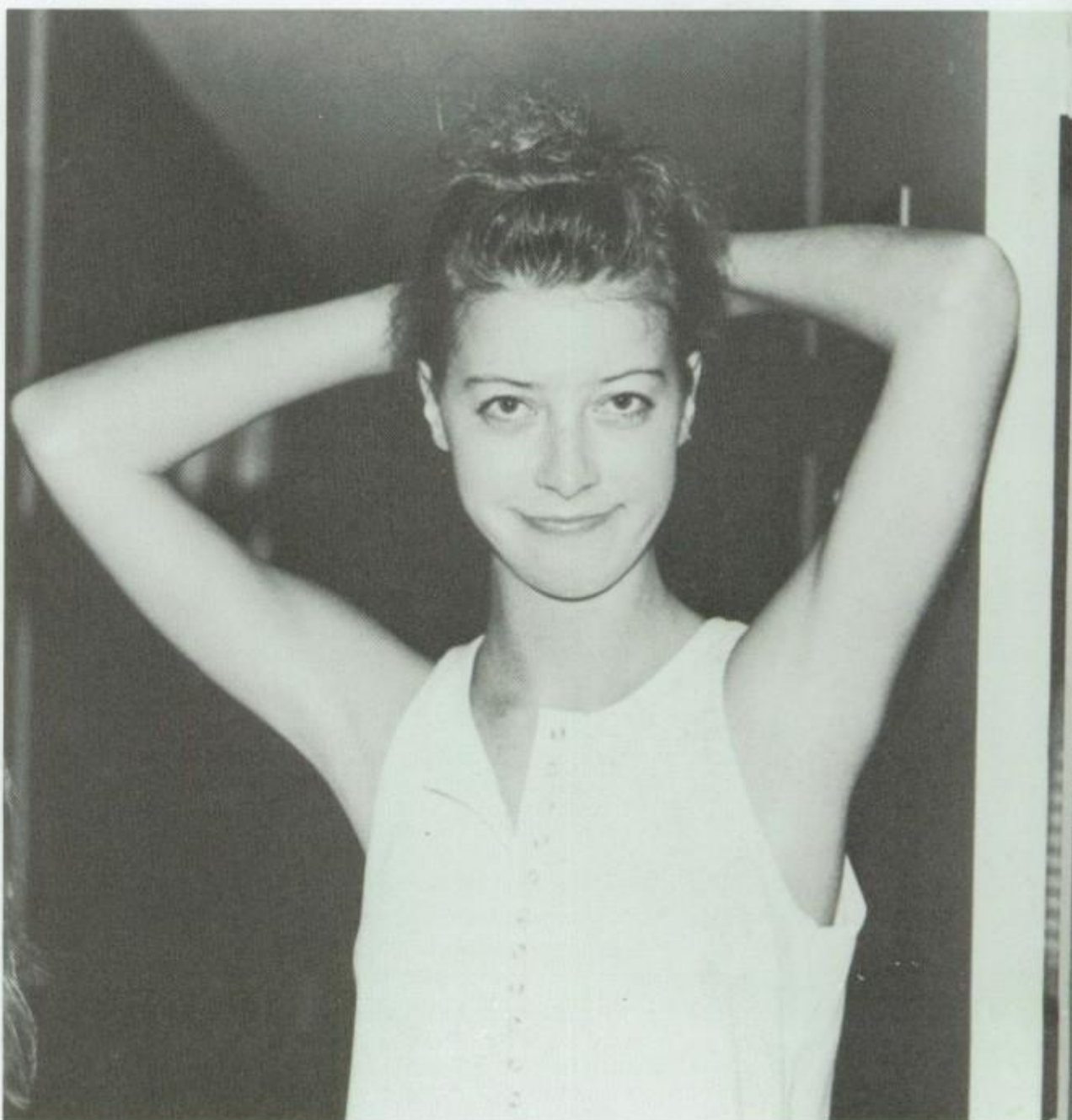
# Seniors impress Houston

The seniors of 1988 had a little difficulty getting their senior trip off the ground. Because of past problems and unhappy experiences in Houston, the class had trouble getting chaperones. Coach Greg Rosemeyer and Mr. Duane Strecker drafted a list of rules, and after agreeing to them, the students were on their way to Houston.

In Houston, the seniors stayed at the Holiday Inn and visited Water World and Astro World, and went ice skating at the Galleria. "The class of '88 exhibited excellent behavior and had a wonderful time," Coach Rosemeyer stated. "Not one senior can say he had more fun than I did."

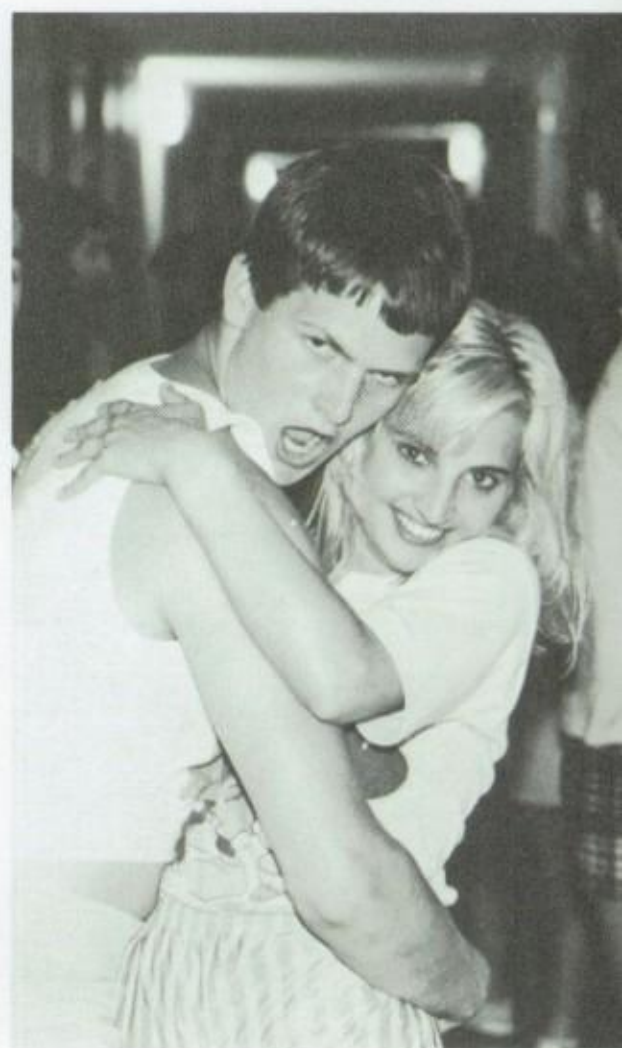
The seniors of 1988 set a precedent for other classes to follow and left the door open for future senior trips.

**Ain't she cute!** Rebecca Wildenstein poses for the camera in the hotel in her natural, no makeup look.

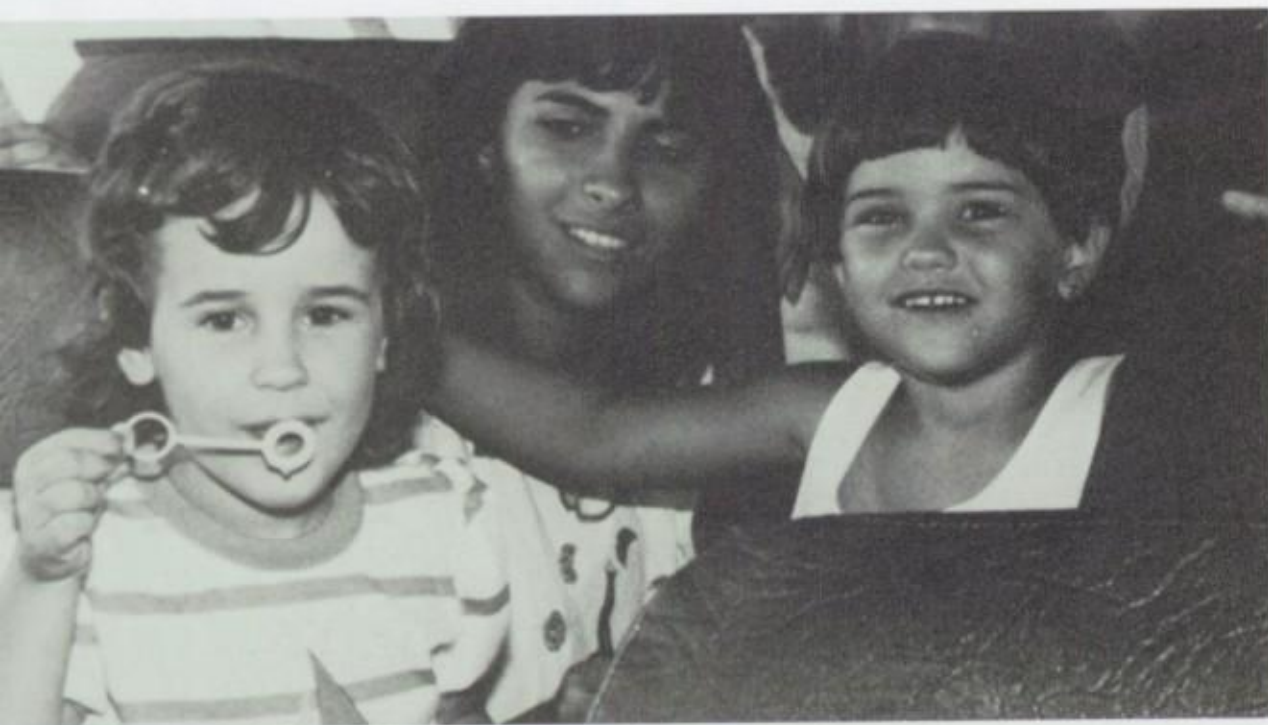


**These bathing beauties** sun bathe on the chairs at Water World in Houston. It was fun to kick back and enjoy doing nothing.

**David Burns** and **Roslyn Niemietz** are caught foolin' around in the hall of the Holiday Inn at Houston. The trip's schedule allowed plenty of free time.







**Amy Strecker and Megan Rosemeyer** blow bubbles for Mona Church on the bus home from Houston. These little girls had fun at Astro World and provided much entertainment.

**Andy Rivas** teaches Shelia Brooks how to ice skate at the Galleria in Houston. This was the first time many of these students had ever been on ice.

**David Burns and Craig Lackey** rest after an exhausting day at Water World. The Seniors spent six hours at Water World and ten hours at Astro World.



**Stephen Cicherski** is the victim of a shaving cream attack by Philip Dylla on the bus. The Seniors had just finished skating at the Galleria.

**Philip Dylla and John Grun** hike back to the hotel after a day of chasing girls at Water World. The hotel was about one mile from the parks.



**Shannon Loep** is putting on final touches before graduating. Shannon was named Miss LVHS earlier in the year.

**Tina Rocha** smiles enthusiastically as she receives her diploma. Completion of 13 years of school was a big event.



**Martha Leija** ponders more than just the perfect fit of her collar. Thirteen years of work would soon be finished.

**Mrs. Susan Keller** and **Roslyn Niemietz** are trying to untangle the balloons. The final act of the Class of '88 was to release 62 red and silver balloons.



**Patti Zenner** delivers her salutatory address. Patti's topic was the importance of extracurricular activities in education.



**The seniors** launch balloons in their final moment of glory. Shouts and hats soon followed as the 1988 Commencement ended.



# Seniors graduate with style



On a blustery but beautiful May 28, sixty-two seniors received their diplomas before a grandstand full of proud parents and friends. The commencement went well from Pastor Gary Goodson's invocation to the benediction by Christi Carson. Roslyn Niemietz and Jeff Schrader gave a humorous class history, and speeches on freedom and education were made by Audrey Kosub, valedictorian, and Patti Zenner, salutatorian, respectively. Mr. Alton Newell addressed the crowd on his experiences with the free enterprise system.

Numerous awards and scholarships were given to this year's graduating

class. The La Vernia Memorial Scholarship was initiated to honor the memories of Jennifer Richie and Jeff Jackson. Clint Hartmann was the recipient. The Lions Club increased their scholarship amount from \$250 to \$400, and Shay Westburg was announced as the winner. The American Legion Citizenship Awards went to David Jenschke and Audrey Kosub. Philip Dylla received the Wilson County Peanut Growers Association Scholarship.

After the ceremony, the class released red and silver balloons into the night as the graduates said a tearful farewell to LVHS.

**Audrey Kosub** gathers her thoughts before delivering her valedictory speech. Audrey was recognized many times with awards and scholarships.

**David Jenschke** leaves the podium after receiving the American Legion Citizenship Award. Audrey Kosub was named the girls winner.



**Mario Gonzales, Mark Gonzales, Roddy Graham, and Carol Grier** wait patiently for the precession to begin.

**Shannon Hunt and John Grun** sign a memory book before heading for the football field.





# LVHS students gain recognition

Months of toil and hard work were recognized at the end of the year. Many students received scholarships and awards for a variety of achievements. Several seniors were nominated for Who's Who Among American High School Students, and recognition was given to seniors who received the Presidential Academic Fitness Award. Awards were also given out for a number of special activities throughout the school, including band, FFA, and UIL.

Jeff Doege received the Star Chapter Farmer Award for FFA, the highest student award given by that organization. The John Phillip Sousa band award went to Audrey Kosub, graduating senior.

Several underclassmen were chosen to represent LVHS at special events during the summer, and the seniors reaped a large number of scholarships.

**Regional Qualifier in Team Debate, John Turner, receives a merit award from Mr. James Maher, principal, at the Academic Awards ceremony.**



**John Phillip Sousa Award**  
Audrey Kosub



**Boys State and Girls State**  
Jimmy Pike and Laurie Claus



**Hugh O'Brien Leadership Award**  
John Gimbel



**THE WAY IT WAS . . .** Presidential campaign year . . . Oliver North testifies in Iran-Contra hearings . . . Bakkers fall from Grace . . . Stockmarket plunges in October . . . Big economic and political trouble in Panama . . . U.S. troops go to Honduras . . . Mid-east continues to fester . . . Peace treaty in Central America . . . Pope visits S.A . . . New River Center Mall opens in San Antonio . . . April 15 massacre of four teenagers in San Antonio . . . Sea World opens . . . Jessica McClure rescued from well in Midland . . . Riots at coast during spring break . . . South Texas Nuclear Project activated . . . New businesses in La Vernia . . . La Vernia has a library . . . School population tops 1000 . . . LVHS stays 2A.

## The Students' Choice

Place to dance  
Political candidate  
Cartoon  
Restaurant  
Shopping  
Rock song  
Country song  
Movie  
Saying  
Television show

Bluebonnet Palace  
George Bush  
Bugs Bunny  
El Tipico  
Windsor Park Mall  
Pour Some Sugar on Me  
Forever and Ever, Amen  
Dirty Dancing  
Hey Dude  
Growing Pains



**Scholarship Award Winners:** Patti Zenner (Texas Lutheran College Merit Scholarship); Shay Westerburg (Texas Lutheran College Volleyball Scholarship, La Vernia Lions Club Scholarship); Audrey Kosub (Angelo State University Carr Scholarship, Robert C. Byrd Scholarship); David Bray (Angelo State University Carr Scholarship, Hochheim Prairie Insurance Association Scholarship); Roslyn Niemietz (Sam Rayburn-William Mayo Residential Scholarship, East Texas State University); Lance Montgomery (East Texas State University Football Scholarship).



**Philip Dylla** receives the Wilson County Peanut Growers' Association Scholarship. Mr. Thomas Hime, school board president, presented him with the award at graduation.

**Clint Hartmann** receives the La Vernia Memorial Scholarship. Clint was one of many scholarship winners.



**Miss La Vernia, Shay Westerburg,** rides in the Bluebonnet Parade with her court. Roslyn Niemietz and Lacey Robbins were first and second runners-up, respectively.





**Nicole Payne** tries to persuade **Charles Skrobarcek** to dance. The exotic mood made everyone feel festive.

**Jody Kunze** and his date **Amy Pruski** show off the entrance hut. Building the hut took many hours.



**Mr. James Maher** boogies with **Ms. Patricia Paradis**. Ms. Paradis earned her good time after being Junior Class sponsor.



**Nicky Schroeder** and **Shay Westerburg** dance to a rock song. Feet tired from dancing so much, and shoes were discarded.



**Prom King and Queen Lance Montgomery** and **Sophie Artillan** dance to a country song. They were selected by the Junior Class.



**Singing with the band, Jennifer Herron** and **Tommy Kotzur** get into the song. Tommy and Jennifer danced nearly every dance.





# Festive students visit the tropics



Cody Doege dances gracefully with Lisa Lubbock. The elaborate dresses and tuxedos helped to make the evening a gala event.



Excitement lingered in the air on Friday, May 6. Junior expectations were high because the preparation and planning for the Prom began early in the year under the direction of Junior Sponsor Ms. Patricia Paradis and Prom Chairman Lacey Robbins.

The High School Cafeteria turned into a tropical climate for "Paradise Island." *The System* provided the music. "Everyone appreciated the thought that was put into the Prom. Many enjoyed the exotic atmosphere," according to senior Audrey Kosub.

Wills and prophecies were disclosed during intermission. The Prom King and Queen, Lance Montgomery and Sophie Artillan were crowned.

"The Junior Class did an outstanding job of planning and producing a beautiful Prom. Special thanks go to the parents and school staff members who helped. I had a great time," commented Ms. Paradis.

Audrey Kosub reads the senior wills while the Juniors await their turn to read the prophecies. The crowd enjoyed the humor.

Dancing to the beat, the partygoers enjoy the Prom. *The System* provided a variety of music.

Amber Carolla and Glen Hoofard laugh at the prophecies being read on stage. Juniors wrote these prophecies to predict the Seniors' futures.



# Prom plans dominate year

The Junior Class had another successful year. Money making projects, such as selling candy and fruit, helped to increase the money available for Prom.

The juniors built the bonfire for the Homecoming pep rally. The ill-fated spook house at the Halloween Carnival was also a junior project.

The class gained prominence in athletics, placing members on several all-district teams. Results on the TEAMS test were fair, but those taking the SAT scored well.

The project of the year was the Prom, of course. Prom was held on May 6, with the Systems providing the music. Chairman of the event was Lacey Robbins with Mark Koenig, co-chairman. The theme was "Paradise Island."

**Juniors find** no time for clowning in Mrs. Sharon Davis's Honors English III class. Concentration and study were the only ways to succeed.

**John Jones** discusses a game plan with Coach Mark Wiatrek. The juniors contributed greatly to the football team's success.



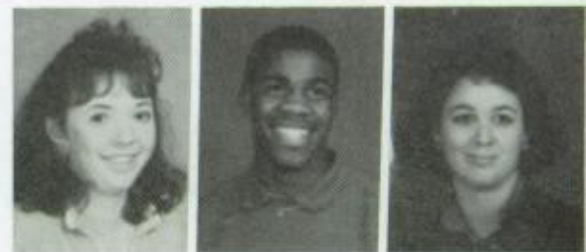
**Junior class officers** are: Cheryl Gerlich, president; Mark Koenig, vice president; Lisa Lubbock, secretary; and Miguel Morales, treasurer. These officers led the class through a hectic year.



## JUNIORS

Not pictured:  
Michael Grohman  
Alex Gonzales

Stephanie Allen  
Derrick Ball  
Tracey Broadway



**Lisa Lubbock, Nicole Payne, Cheryl Gerlich, and Jimmy Pike** celebrate hat day. The juniors showed their school spirit throughout Homecoming week.







Brandon Brown  
Teresa Bryant  
Wendy Calvert  
Susan Cantrell  
Mike Cantu  
Vickie Cervantes

Matt Clarner  
Darren Claus  
Laurie Claus  
Keith Collins  
Eric Cooper  
Tommy Dawes

Cody Doege  
Billy Dunaway  
Dana Durbon  
Cheryl Gerlich  
Trent Grassmuck  
Dorothy Guillen

Andrew Hartwick  
Debby Henkes  
Jennifer Herron  
Glen Hoofard  
Jodi Ierien  
Dawn James

Rayanna Johnson  
John Jones  
Melissa Kaupert  
Brian Kent  
Mark Koenig  
Thomas Kotzur

James Kretschmar  
Jody Kunze  
Brandon Leister  
Lisa Lubbock  
Becky Luddeke  
Edwin Martin

Stacy Mattke  
Lana McFadin  
Kelly Mollenkopf  
Miguel Morales  
Mary Pacheco  
Lee Palmer

Nicole Payne  
Jimmy Pike  
Troy Pollok  
Stefany Rackler  
Leonor Rangel  
Michelle Ranney

Ben Roath  
Lacey Robbins  
Shannon Rutkowski  
Jonas Setzer  
Steev Soto  
David Stanush

Andy Stuart  
John Turner  
Christie Verburgt  
David Watson  
Jonanna Winkler  
Julie Zigmond



Brian Achilles  
Michael Armstrong  
Charles Baker  
Sandra Baker  
Yolanda Ball  
Michael Barberousse  
Jud Barthold



Michael Baumann  
Nathan Beran  
Wendy Bordner  
Robert Brooks  
Sarah Brooks  
Napolean Cervantes  
Tony Cervantes



Sunni Chadwick  
Matilda Church  
Melissa Church  
Danna Ciomperlik  
Julie Cope  
Chad Dawes  
Jeffrey Doege



Jodi Duelm  
Stacie Duelm  
Steve Dzierzanowski  
Shane Eardley  
Michelle Fender  
Shawn Fowler  
John Gimbel



Steven Good  
Kim Grier  
Dana Grohman  
Melodi Grohman  
Daniel Grun  
Sherry Hall  
Kristie Hartmann



Karen Henzen  
John Huckelba  
Michael Jacob  
James Johnson  
Roger Keller  
Laurie King  
Chad Kosub



Jennifer Lambert  
Stacie Land  
Carlos Leija  
Arthur Llanez  
Mark Lopez  
David Lowak  
Amber Luddeke



Tina McCarter  
Chad Miller  
Cheryl Moehrig  
Laura Morris  
Traci Nichols  
Jeffrey Niemietz  
Andrea Oatman



Emily Ortiz  
Mitzie Palmer  
Natalie Parsons  
Patrick Pellerin  
Mimi Pike  
Theresa Ploch  
Ronald Ramsey



Darin Ramzinski  
Santiago Rangel  
Stacye Rohrbough  
Kevin Rutledge  
Martha Sanchez  
David Skrzycki  
Ronnie Sorbel





member Luddeke is captured on film as she decorates lockers for varsity football plays. Four of the varsity cheerleaders were sophomores.



## 'Nice' sophomores show potential

An 82-member Sophomore Class made a big difference in the lives of LVHS students and faculty alike. According to Mrs. Joyce Sparks, who teaches sophomore English, "The sophomores this year are the sweetest and nicest group of kids I've ever had. They show great academic potential."

The sophomores chose Jennifer Theis as their Homecoming Duchess. Roger Keller and Michelle Fender were elected to the jobs of Halloween King and Queen. The class made a moderate profit with their PTO carnival booth, the money toss.

**Sophomore class officers:** Sarah Brooks, president; Crystal Stuart, vice president; Jeff Doege, secretary; and Kevin Rutledge, treasurer.

**Julie Cope** is concentrating on her work in Dr. Keith Himmel's 5th period biology class, but **Melissa Church** is more interested in the camera.



# SOPHOMORES



Shannon Stanush  
Crystal Stuart  
Jennifer Theis  
Susan Tidwell  
Greg Trudo

Chris Ullman  
Joe Ybarra  
Bobby Young  
Peter Zigmond  
Jimmy Zuehl

Not Pictured:  
Maxine Garza  
Wayne Rutledge



## Talented group provides spirit

The freshmen class of 87-88 shows promise in both academics and athletics according to their sponsor, Mr. Danny Friesenhahn.

Enthusiasm was shown during many school activities such as the PTO Carnival. They had great success with their dunking booth because many freshmen volunteered to be dunked. King and queen candidates Crystal Clark and Keith Balcar won third place.

The Homecoming duchess representing the Freshman Class was Janelle Haese, and her escort was Curtis Swize.

Various members of the class displayed outstanding abilities in athletics, Band, UIL, Student Council, and FFA.

**Dr. Keith Himmel** makes Physical Science enjoyable for his students. Michael O'Neal and Steven Withers raced crickets for a science experiment.

Susan Thompson and Jannelle Clarner prepare for marching contest. The La Vernia Band tied their previous record by making it to the regional competitions.



Richard Robins, Kevin Stuart, Sammi Hunt and Bubba Kaupert smile for the camera while decorating the freshman door for Christmas. The door placed third with very creative design involving fish.



# FRESHMEN



Jon Albert  
Lee Arms  
Ramona Azbill

Keith Balcar  
Dennis Barnhardt  
Laurie Barnhardt



**Freshman class officers** are: Wade Land, Treasurer; Greg Dylla, Vice-president; Sara Lubbock, Secretary; Sammi Hunt, President.

Not pictured  
Chandra Bunch  
Joseph Carroll  
Kevin Jand  
Margie Jenkins  
Juanita Leija  
Robert Morgan





Laurie Barnhardt  
Clifford Barr  
Kimberly Biela  
Adam Borgfeld  
Billie Burks  
Nancy Calhoun  
Crystal Clark

Janelle Clarner  
Kristina Cochran  
Jamie Cope  
Teresa Cope  
Mark Cox  
Rachel DeHoyos  
Steven Digges

Lori Dobbins  
Greg Dylla  
Clarissa Eastin  
Spencer Freeman  
Kerry Friederick  
Diana Gonzales  
Lynene Gonzales

Mary Gonzales  
Norma Gonzales  
Robert Grothues  
Janelle Haese  
Sammi Hunt  
Jeanette Johnston  
William Kaupert

Kimberly Kolodziej  
Wade Land  
Joe Leija  
Duane Lich  
Tammy Lock  
Sara Lubbock  
Rubijo Mace

Brian Martin  
Jennifer Martinez  
Bo Mauch  
Brian McCarter  
Debra McIntosh  
John McReynolds  
Delores Mendez

Daniel Metcalf  
Bobby Morgan  
Marie Morris  
Michael O'Neal  
Adam Pelham  
John Perez  
Chris Pierce

Bruce Pierdolla  
Kim Pollok  
Faith Reynolds  
Sharice Reynolds  
Melvin Riley  
Richard Robins  
Letitia Saldana

Rudy Santos  
Dianell Schnitz  
Alfred Scrimpsheer III  
Heidi Simms  
Titus Speikes  
Kevin Stuart  
Curtis Swize

Susan Thompson  
Chris Trafton  
Amee Trim  
Mike Trim  
Clint Walpole  
David Wheatley  
Steven Withers



**Kathleen Beierle** CLA 1,2,3, French  
**Lois Bigler** H. Alg. 2, Trig/Analyt, Yearbook  
**Sharon Davis** H. Eng. 3,4, Eng. 3,4  
**Nan Dockery** Phy. Sci., Chem., Pre Alg.  
**Amelia Flores** Drill Team, Span. 1,2



**Kathy Freeman** Special Ed. Aide  
**Danny Friesenhahn** Study Skills, Eng. 1, H. Eng. 1  
**Kyle Friesenhahn** Band H.S., Jr. High, 5, 6, Band, 7th Music  
**Dr. Keith Himmel** Physical Sci., Intro. Biology, Biology, Physics  
**Susan Keller** HHF/CT, Child Dev./ Foods, HFL/Cons., HE 1  
**Sandra Mattke** High School Sec.  
**Coach Larry Moore** U.S. History, H. Gov't/Gov't, Boys Athletics, Girls Athletics  
**Patti Paradis** Typing/Adv. Typing, Accounting, Office Procedures  
**Coach Paul Pawelek** W. Hist., U.S. Hist., Boys Ath., 8th P.E.  
**Mike Rheinlaender** Alg. 1, FOM, Pre Alg.  
**Coach Greg Rosemeyer** Health, P.E., Boys Ath.  
**Kevin Sells** Vo. Ag. 1, 3  
**Joyce Sparks** H. Eng. 2, Eng. 2 Newspaper, Theatre Arts  
**Duane Strecker** Comp. Sci. 1, 2, Comp. Prog., Comp. Math  
**Coach Mark Wiatrek** Geometry, Cons. Math, 7th Ath., H.S. Ath.



**Not Pictured:**

**Robert Cole**, Special Education  
**Potsy Durbon**, Librarian Aide  
**Judy Krueger**, Special Ed. Aide  
**Peggy Rheinlaender**, Bus. Comm., Recordkeeping, Bus. Law, PBM, Econ., Typ. I  
**Rex Schnitz**, Ag Mech., Vo. Ag. 3

**Dr. and Mrs. Keith Himmel** take tickets at the Marion football game. These friendly faces were familiar at all home games.



**"No, really. It is the truth."** Rex Schnitz spins a yarn to the other teachers while taking a break during Inservice.





# Leaders set fast pace



Long-term memory and the sharpening of writing skills were goals of the high school this year, according to James Maher, principal. To emphasize these objectives, test grades became a larger percentage of both six weeks and semester grades.

Many changes in efficiency took place in the La Vernia system. Computers were used for a student mailing list and inventory. Mr. Maher hopes that in the near future computers will assist in storing grades and students' schedules.

**Selling yearbooks** is not an easy job. Mr. James Maher supported the staff by buying a 1987 yearbook from Darin Ramzinski, a member of the yearbook staff.



**"We be the best."** At the regional pep rally the coaches displayed their spirit by doing the winning rap.



# 'Relentless' Bears take 31-AA

No one asks, "Where's La Vernia?" anymore. The Bears put La Vernia on the map. Between September and December, Big Blue chalked up 12 wins, including the Area Championship.

There were many doubts and speculations about the 1987 season, but the scores and statistics said it all.

The Bear Defense al-

lowed only 14 points in the first half of 12 games. LVHS scored 396 points.

Outstanding contributions were made by David Watson, who rushed for 1576 yards and scored 96 points, and Troy Pollok who caught 20 passes for a total of 630 yards and 11 touchdowns. Philip Dylla's exceptional punting averaged 36.3 yards.

Mark Koenig was named District 31-AA MVP-Defense, and David Watson was named MVP-Offense. In all, 12 players were named to the District's first team.

The impressive statistics confirm Head Coach Mark Wiatrek's analysis, "It was a complete team effort."



**"Come on D."** Between kicking assignments Philip Dylla cheered the winning Bear Defense.

**The Bears prepare to growl.** When the Bears lined up, the other team knew they were in for a beating.

**Time to rest** is cherished by all. Staying first in district was not an easy job.







"We are the best," say a handful of the varsity players. These men were taking a well-earned break during the Pettus game.

"Down, set, hut," Trent Grassmuck calls from the line. Trent helped the team achieve an all-time record of 12 wins and 1 loss.

Coach Mark Wiatrek explains the plan of attack to his players during a time-out. Coach used time-outs during the Bi-district game against Woodsboro to put La Vernia on top, 21-6.



VARSITY SCOREBOARD		
Bears	Opponent	
1	Dripping Springs	0
39	Bloomington	6
37	Natalia	6
41	Pettus	0
40	Karnes City	13
21	Marion	14
33	Navarro	0
49	Nixon-Smiley	0
48	Poth	0
34	Stockdale	6
21	Woodsboro	6
17	Junction	7
9	Schulenburg	14

Michael Baumann dodges down the line during the Karnes City game. Throughout the season the Bears were very effective using their running plays.

**Varsity Football players:** Top Row: John Koenig (55), Bobby West (73), Stephen Cicherski (78), Troy Pollok (87), Danny Grun (76), Philip Dylla (75), Mark Koenig (79), Arthur Llanez (27), Brian Oatman (84), (Coach) Greg Rosemeyer; Second Row: (Coach) Mark Wiatrek, Jeff Schrader (35), Alvist Brooks (9), Andy Rivas (89), David Watson (22), Trent Grassmuck (17), Shelton Fowler (10), Michael Baumann (16), John Grun (62), John Jones (7), Jody Kunze (88), (Coach) Larry Moore; Third Row: (Coach) Paul Pawelek, Shannon Hunt (20), Larry Jefferson (21), Mike Cantu (68), Ben Roath (34), Ricky Kramer (60), Randy Lock (57), Lance Montgomery (32), Michael Grohman (33), Brian Walden (51), Darren Claus (56), (Coach) Richard Hinojosa; Bottom Row: (Manager) Adam Borgfeld, Daniel Cantu, Keith Hunt, (Head Manager) David Jenschke, (Not Pictured) Clint Hartmann.

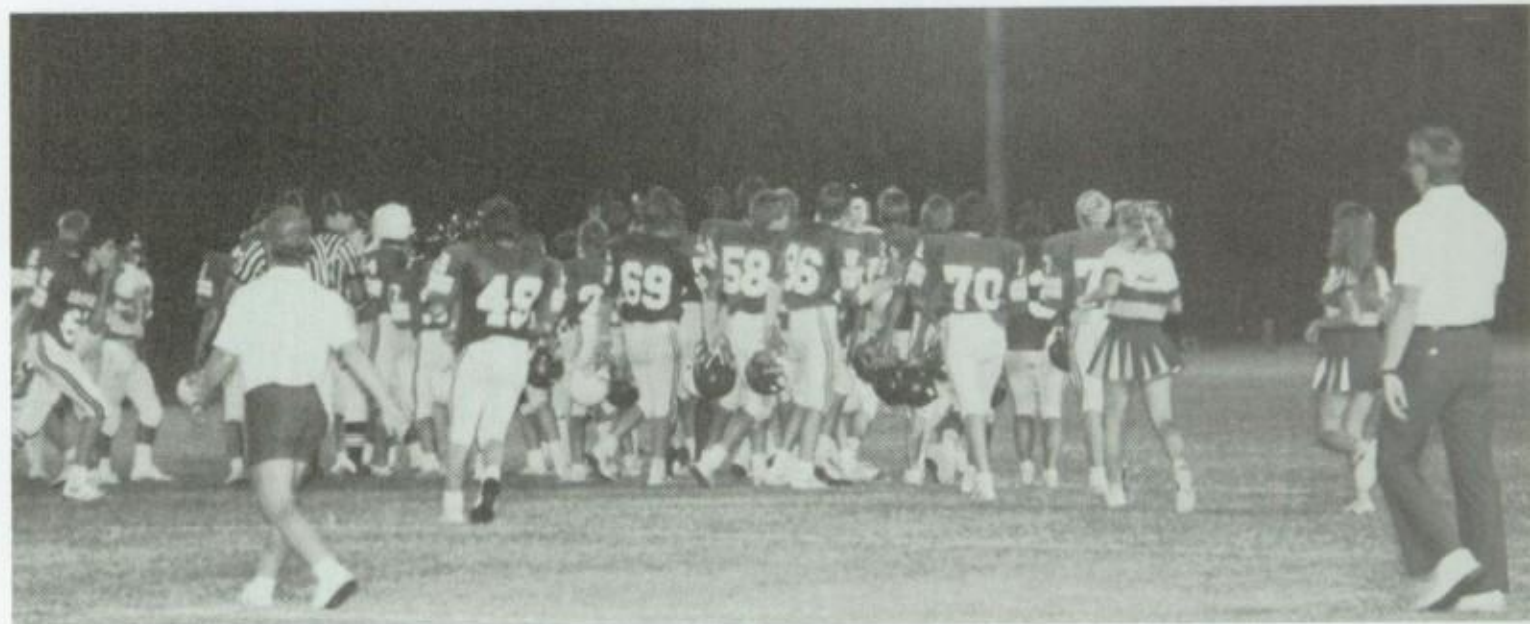




With confidence, the JV Bears approach the line ready for action. The team's quick moves paid off with another victory against Karnes City.



The junior varsity players gather after the Karnes City game. The team celebrated their victory over Karnes City, 22-0.



JV players look on intently. An interception was made moments later.





# JV goes undefeated



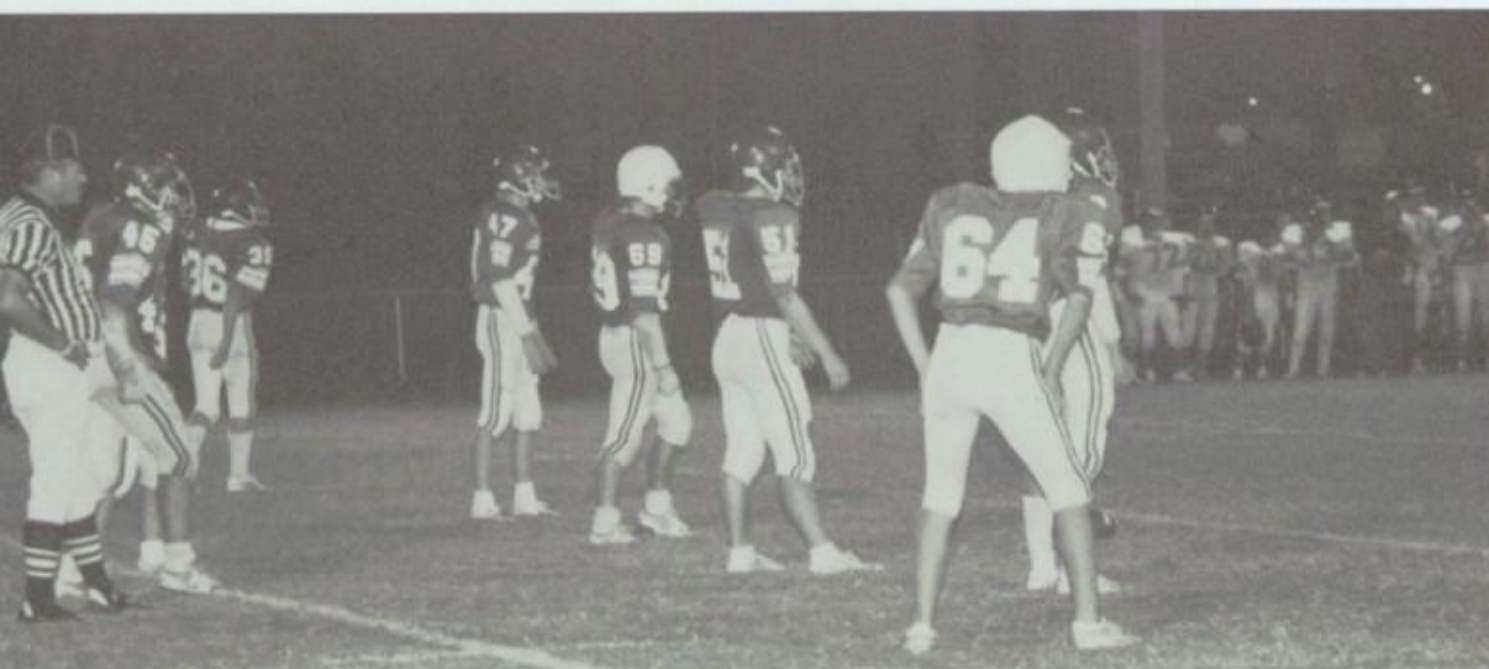
This year's junior varsity football team was one of the largest in LVHS's history. Thirty-four young men consisting of three juniors, 14 sophomores, and 17 freshmen suited out for the 1987 season. This large number should provide a promising future for La Vernia football.

"JV football is a time for learning and gaining experience, and I feel these young men did a fine job of

these objectives as their perfect 9-0 season shows," said Coach Paul Pawelek.

The defense allowed only three touchdowns all year, while accumulating six shutouts. The offense also chalked up some impressive statistics, scoring 200 points for an average of 24 points per game. "I feel that hard work, team hustle, and togetherness were the key assets to our victorious season," remarked Pawelek.

The JV offense watches as running back Chad Miller is tackled by Karnes City. Chad's run led to a touchdown for the Bears.



JUNIOR VARSITY SCOREBOARD		
Bears	Opponent	
8	Dripping Springs	0
32	Natalia	6
38	Pettus	0
22	Karnes City	0
14	Marion	0
28	Navarro	8
29	Nixon-Smiley	0
27	Poth	0
22	Stockdale	6



JV defense patiently awaits the play. The defense was successful in holding off the Karnes City offense.

JV Football players: Top Row: J. J. Perez (81), David Lowak (58), Brian Kent (02), Chris Ullman (47), Greg Trudo (71), Kevin Jandt (61), Mike Barberousse (67), Bo Mauch (45), Greg Dylla (12), Jimmy Zuehl (65). Second Row: Brian Achilles (49), Ronnie Sorbel (83), Shawn Fowler (36), Robert Brooks (52), David Wheatley (59), Jeffrey Doege (29), Curtis Swize (64), Jud Barthold (72), Jeff Niemietz (50), Steve Dzierzanowski (69), Joey Wootan (74), Chris Pierce (86). Third Row: Patrick Pellerin (24), Bubba Kaupert (23), Rudy Santos (53), Joe Leija (66), Chad Miller (37), Brian McCarter (63), Alfred Scrimsher (82), Lee Arms (61), Clint Walpole (77), Steven Withers (70), John McReynolds (54).



# Cheerleaders energy-packed

"Cheerleading requires skill and dexterity," said Nicole Payne, the head cheerleader.

The cheerleaders began their year by going to camp at Texas Lutheran College, where they received many awards and learned the fine points of cheering.

Being a spirited and acrobatic group, they were able to do pyramids and

stunts that were real crowd pleasers.

Among the duties of the cheerleading squad were planning all pep rallies, having special treats for football players, making run-through signs, and decorating halls and lockers.

The squad choreographed their own cheers and were known for their gymnastic ability.



Colorful run-through signs spark interest for the team's grand entrance. Making the signs was a weekly ritual.

JV Cheerleader Sara Lubbock does a toe touch above Mimi Pike to end their cheer. The stunt was performed at the Dripping Springs pep rally.

The JV cheerleaders, Sara Lubbock and Mimi Pike are putting pizzazz in their rap. The girls performed in the Thursday night pep rally before the playoff game against Woodsboro.



Lisa Lubbock, Nicole Payne, and Amber Luddeke show their friendship as cheerleaders. The girls brightened the sidelines during the games.



**Varsity Cheerleaders:** Amber  
 uddeke, Kristie Hartmann,  
 ana Grohman, Nicole Payne  
 (Head), Lisa Lubbock, and Crys-  
 al Stuart.

**Dana Grohman** looks into the  
 crowd as she yells a spirit booster,  
 during the Junction game in  
 Boerne.



**The Varsity, Junior Varsity, and Junior High School Cheerleaders** join to build the spirit for Homecoming. The pyramid was the grand finale of the afternoon pep rally.

**Mrs. Kathy Freeman** shows her spirit at the Marion game. Mrs. Freeman was the Varsity Cheerleader Sponsor.

**At the Woodsboro Pep Rally,** the girls show their spirit by dancing to the high school band. The cheerleaders planned all pep rallies and varied their performances.

**Sponsored by**  
**Jim & Betty Maher**



The Marion pep rally was an exciting event. The Honey Bears danced a pompon routine to "Funky Town".

Mitzie Palmer, Kerry Friederick and Stacy Mattke huddle for warmth in Kenedy during the Woodsboro game. The girls were spirited all year.



**Honey Bears:** Top Row: Kerry Friederick, Sharice Reynolds, Danna Ciomperlik, Crissy Eastin, Melissa Richie, Teresa Cope, Crystal Clark; Second Row: Stacy Mattke (1st Lt.), Mitzie Palmer (2nd Lt.), Theresa Ploch (3rd Lt.), Wendy Bordner (4th Lt.); Bottom Row: Shannon Wolfe (Captain), Jeannie Ploch (Co-Capt.).



Shelton Fowler, one of the senior football players, escorts Ms. Amelia Flores to the Marion pep rally. Ms. Flores was the dance team sponsor.

Seniors Shannon Wolfe and Jeannie Ploch seem pleased about the group's performance. Shannon and Jeannie were chief officers of the Honey Bears.





# Dance team sparks spirit



During the year the Honeybears performed at all of the football games and many of the home basketball games. The girls helped promote school spirit by decorating lockers and participating in school spirit activities. "Overall we have worked very hard together and have had a lot of fun," said Captain Shannon Wolfe.

During the summer the girls attended Super Star Drill Team Camp in Seguin where they received awards for performing individually and as a squad. At the end of the week they brought home the Shining Spirit Award which showed spirit, enthusiasm, and cooperation with each other and instructors.

The Honeybear sponsor was Ms. Amelia Flores, who supervised practices and performances.

Football players and the dance team perform together at a community pep rally. Their joint effort with "Louie, Louie" was a crowd pleaser.



Wendy Bordner and Sharice Reynolds are working on the Christmas door. The decorating of the doors helped everyone get into the festive season.



Crystal Clark stands waiting to perform. She was one of the six new members of the squad this year.



# Bears reach Bi-District

The varsity volleyball season was considered a great success. Coach Robin Harborth led her team to a 5-1 district record and a 17-7 overall record.

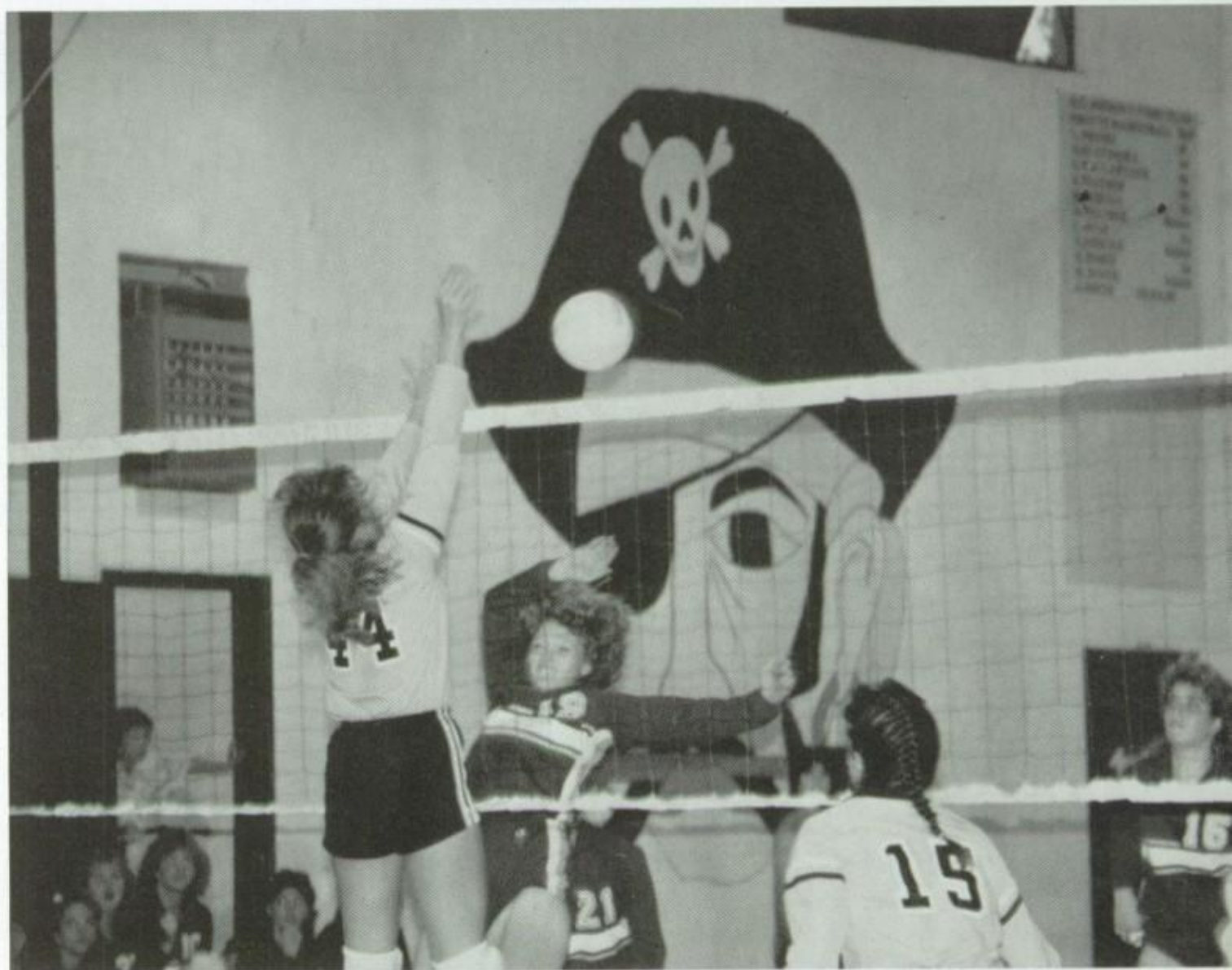
When asked to describe her team, Coach Harborth responded, "Experienced. When you have five starting seniors, that's easy to say. However, I must say that the underclassmen offered much leadership

which will be depended upon next year."

"The team set goals throughout the year. Despite their loss to Woodsboro in Kenedy which ended all hopes of going to state, the seniors offered words of encouragement to those that would be returning for the 1988-89 team," proudly stated Coach Harborth.

The Lady Bears celebrate a great play during the Pettus game. The pleasure of being a part of a good team shows on the faces of Shannon Wolfe, Cheryl Gerlich, and Patti Zenner.

Patti Zenner gives it all she's got during the Poth game. Spiking was her specialty throughout the season.



Coach Harborth gives the girls a pep talk and plans their winning strategy. The game was played in La Vernia where the Varsity Volleyball team had an exceptional record, 17-7.





Coach Robin Harborth opens a gift from her volleyball team. This small celebration occurred before the district game against Poth.



Jodi Duelm concentrates intensely on her job. Her performance as setter was greatly appreciated by fans and teammates alike.



**Varsity Volleyball Players:** Top Row: Coach Robin Harborth, Wendy Calvert (10), Shay Westerburg (11), Patti Zenner (19), Lisa Lubbock (14), Jonanna Winkler (manager); Second Row: Jodi Duelm (15), Shannon Wolfe (15), Cheryl Gerlich (22); Third Row: Mona Church (21), Stephanie Jackson (23), Annie Cantu (12).



Annie Cantu tries for a dink. Everyone anxiously awaited the outcome of this important play.

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL		
Lady Bears	Opponents	
16,15	Pettus	14,10
10,16,15	Marion	15,14,13
15,15	Navarro	5,5
15,15	Nixon	7,5
9,10	Poth	15,15
15,15	Stockdale	7,10



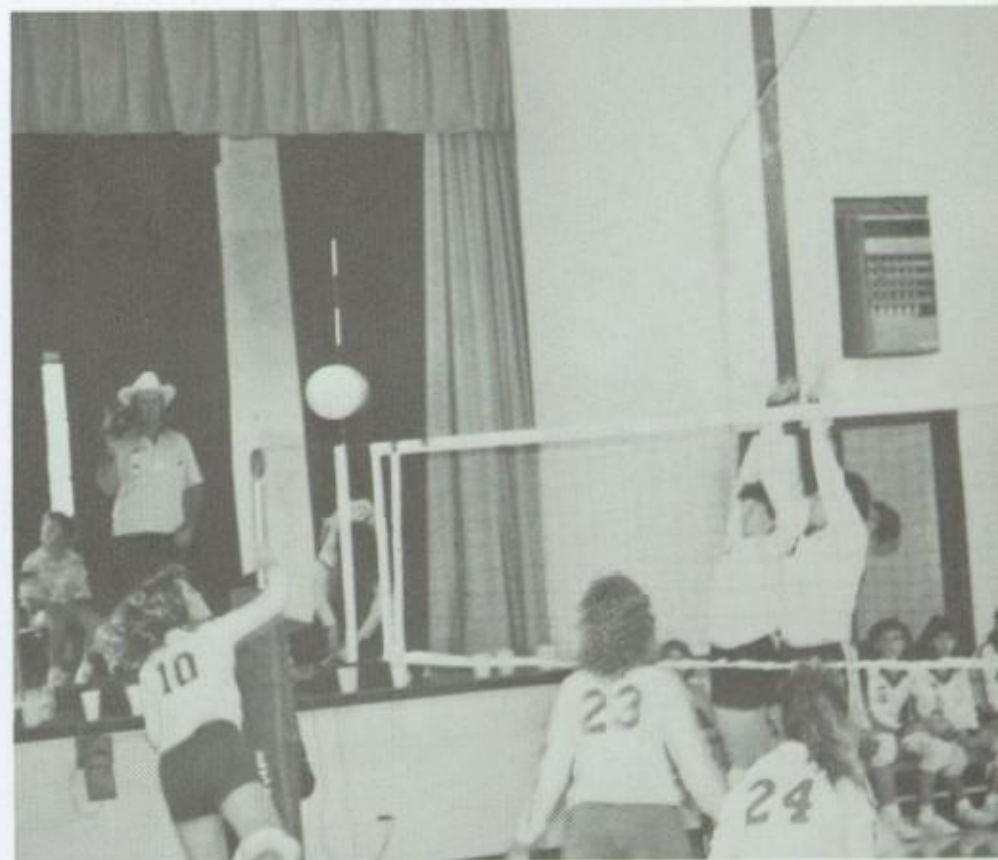
Junior Varsity Volleyball Scores		
Lady Bears	Opponent	
15,15	Pettus	1,10
10,15,15	Marion	15,11,5
15,15	Navarro	11,13
15,15	Nixon	8,4
10,3	Poth	15,15
15,15	Stockdale	10,10

During this home game, fans and team members anxiously awaited the beginning of the next play. Kim Kolodziej and Kim Biela were ready for anything.

Janelle Haese and Sara Lubbock give it their all during this game against Stockdale. This effort paid off when their opponent missed the block.



With her eye on the ball, Staci Land concentrates on a spike during the Poth game. Game were scheduled on Tuesday throughout the season.



Lacey Robbins shows her talent during the Poth game. The team worked well together throughout the entire season.



# JV girls show enthusiasm



The junior varsity volleyball team had almost twenty members. Each contributed greatly to the overall record of 7-2 and a district record of 6-0.

Coach Lydia Kubena said, "At times we split our team and played freshmen, as well as JV matches." The overall record of the freshmen was 4-1.

When asked about these teams, Coach Kubena responded, "The girls were interested in learning and working hard to better themselves in volleyball. Enthusiasm was also always there, which helped to make them a well-rounded team. The future looks bright for volleyball."



**Kim Pollok and Janelle Haese attempt to block a spike by the Marion Bulldogs. Tina McCarter was ready to back up her teammates.**



**Janelle Haese serves the JV team towards victory during this home game. Their overall record was 7-2, with an exceptional district record of 6-0.**



**JV and Freshmen Volleyball Players:** Top Row: Lacey Robbins, Andrea Oatman, Stacie Land, Sarah Brooks, Janelle Haese, Kerry Friederich, Mitzie Palmer, Sara Lubbock, Laura Morris, Kim Kolodziej, Kim Pollok, Coach Lydia Kubena; Second Row: Kim Biela, Susan Thompson, Faith Reynolds, Jeanette Johnston, Laurie Barnhardt, Tammy Lock, Rubijo Mace, Tina McCarter, Teresa Cope, Cheryl Moehrig, Dianell Schnitz.



# Unpredictable Bears cause excitement

"The strength of this year's team was probably their ability to get all they could from themselves," said Coach Greg Rosemeyer, describing the varsity team.

The lack of experience, at the varsity level, was the main frustration for the team this year, according to Coach Rosemeyer. Preseason practice time was lost due to the extended football season. Injuries and ineligibility also played a part in delaying the teams' progress. With many returning players,

next year's team is sure to be exciting.

Most team members agreed that the most exciting games were against Marion. With the largest crowd of the season, the Bears won their home game, 56-51. Excited fans hoped for a similar outcome in Marion, but home court advantage favored the Bulldogs.



Taking time out, Coach Greg Rosemeyer gives the team instructions. The members practiced two hours every day during the season.

Larry Jefferson returns the ball to the game. La Vernia defeated their rival, Marion, in this close game.



**Varsity Boys Basketball players:** Coach Greg Rosemeyer, Shannon Hunt, Ben Roath, Greg Dylla, Clint Hartmann, Philip Dylla, Troy Malish, Troy Pollok, Troy Balcar, John Jones, Trent Grassmuck, Larry Jefferson, David Jenschke (manager).



**Greg Dylla is ready for action as Shannon Hunt recovers the ball.** Fast breaks and control helped the Bears beat the Bulldogs.





**Shannon Hunt practices his shooting form.** The warm-up was an important part of pre-game practice.

**Troy Pollok and Philip Dylla are ready to receive the ball.** Troy was the high scorer of the year.

**Despite the fact that Larry Jefferson is one of the shortest members of the team, he is known for his rebounding and scoring abilities.**



**anxiously awaiting the jump, the Bears observe their opponents. The team won this game against Stockdale.**

**Jody Kunze practices a lay up. He played with a knee and ankle injury during the game.**

Varsity Boys Basketball		
Bears	Opponent	
66	Marion	87
53	Navarro	57
51	Nixon-Smiley	74
55	Poth	36
73	Stockdale	57
50	Pettus	73
33	Karnes City	41
56	Marion	51
39	Navarro	63
41	Nixon-Smiley	60
48	Poth	27
59	Stockdale	52
53	Pettus	55
51	Karnes City	64



# Girls Varsity Basketball

Bears	Opponent	
51	Pettus	26
56	Karnes City	51
54	Marion	73
51	Navarro	45
52	Nixon-Smiley	53
46	Poth	61
77	Stockdale	22
43	Pettus	23
54	Karnes City	45
44	Marion	66
58	Navarro	49
46	Nixon-Smiley	38
35	Poth	61
72	Stockdale	30

**Kristie Hartmann and Janelle Haese** speed down the court for a fast break. They were known for their quick moves and steals throughout the season.



**Cheryl Gerlich** takes a shot during the Karnes City game. She played both wing and post positions during the 1987-88 season.

**Patti Zenner** prepares to sink free throw during the Karnes City game. Points scored from the free-throw line were important every game.



# Varsity girls determined to win



When asked about the Varsity Girls Basketball team, Coach Robin Harborth replied, "Determined! The girls set goals early in the season to earn a playoff spot. Despite their losses to state-ranked Poth and Marion, the girls still gave 100 percent. They were never more than eight points behind at the halftime of any district game."

Harborth also stated that the team had an ex-

cellent attitude. "They were very cooperative, considering the fact that they had many adjustments to make to a new system and coach. The team continued to improve all year, especially in their technique and plays."

The girls ended the season as the third ranked team in district, with an overall record of 19-8, and a district record of 9-5.

Cheryl Gerlich and Wendy Calvert set a trap while playing defense against Pettus. This district game was played at home with a winning score of 51-26.



**Varsity Girls Basketball Players:** Top Row: Jonanna Winkler (manager), Wendy Calvert (12), Patti Zenner (32), Christi Carson (40), Jodi Duelm (manager); Second Row: Coach Robin Harborth, Annie Cantu (12), Cheryl Gerlich (50); Third Row: Kristie Hartmann (24), Janelle Haese (20).



Everyone goes in for the rebound as Annie Cantu takes a shot. The Bears won this district game against Karnes City with a score of 56-51.



# Energetic JV teams improve

When asked what one word would describe the JV girls basketball team, Coach Lydia Kubena said, "Improved." The girls worked well together. They had many strengths, including energy and quickness. Contributing to the number of losses were the facts that they ended up with only seven members on the team and they lacked height. Their overall basketball "sense" improved this year, which should help the future JV

and varsity teams.

Coach Larry Moore commented that the JV boys have become more aggressive in their defensive tactics. The JV boys rebounded well but lacked ball handling skills. "The team worked well together considering how little practice time we had," said Coach Moore. "Young" was the word used by Coach Moore to describe the team because most of the starters were freshmen.

The JV girls reset after scoring extra points against the Marion Bulldogs. The girls had an exhausting night.

La Vernia's defense works hard to keep Karnes City from scoring. Karnes City was a tough opponent for the JV boys team.



Junior Varsity Boys Basketball		
Bears	Opponent	
47	Marion	64
55	Stockdale	37
41	Pettus	29
47	Karnes City	53
30	Nixon-Smilely	49
45	Poth	35
48	Pettus	43
49	Karnes City	83



Junior Varsity Boys Basketball players: Michael Armstrong, John McReynolds, Jon Albert, Chad Dawes, Chris Pierce, Bruce Pierdolla, J. J. Perez, Keith Balcar, Shawn Fowler, Jeff Niemietz, Adam Borgfeld, and Wade Land.



**Junior Varsity Girls Basketball players:** Coach Lydia Kubena, Laurie Claus, Sara Lubbock, Dana Grohman, Kim Biela, Kim Pollok, Susan Thompson, Theresa Ploch, Kim Kolodziej, Stacie Land, and Stacie Duelm.



**Junior Varsity  
Girls Basketball**

Bears	Opponent	
22	Randolph	38
36	Pettus	12
33	Karnes City	20
23	Marion	31
40	Poth	28
34	Nixon-Smiley	24
42	Stockdale	6

**Bruce Pierdolla** shoots for the extra point against the Stockdale Brahmas. La Vernia outplayed Stockdale as they have for many years in the past.

**Theresa Ploch** attempts a jump shot against Marion in La Vernia. Gentle beauties became aggressive athletes on the court.



**Keith Balcar** brings the ball in for La Vernia against Karnes City. The Bears had a tiring night.

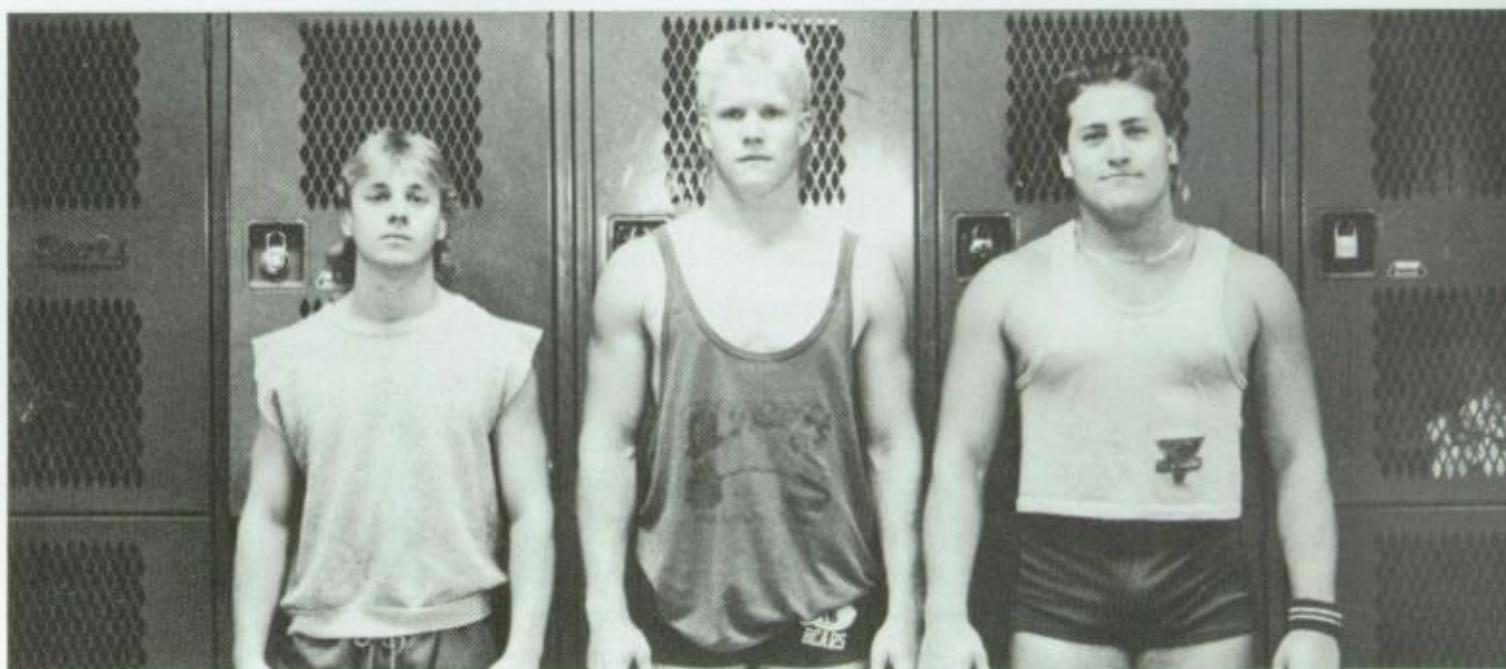
**It's everyone for herself** as the La Vernia and Marion girls fight for a rebound.





**Jimmy Pike** shows tremendous strength as he performs a squat. Jimmy went on to the State Powerlifting meet in his division.

**Jimmy Pike, Mark Koenig, and Lance Montgomery** take a break from their workouts to pose for the camera. These three boys represented La Vernia at the Regional competition.



**Trent Grassmuck** gets ready to attempt a bench press. The bench press was just a part of the boys' daily workout.





# Athletic teams show strength



Hours of training and practice paid off for the powerlifting boys, who had only four meets this year, including Regional and State. Mark Koenig, Lance Montgomery, and Jimmy Pike went on to Regional, with Jimmy Pike going on to State.

Four meets, including State, were held for the girl powerlifters. Their strength and skill earned them victories at Canyon, Wimberley, and Pflugerville.

An attempt was made to

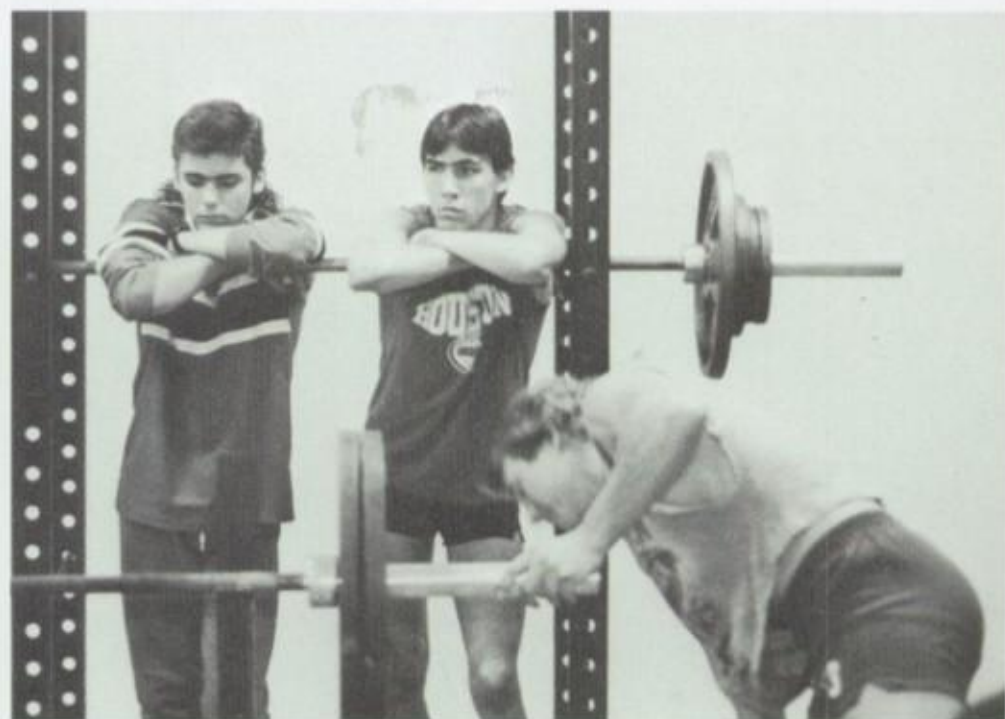
organize a tennis team. Three students participated at the April 11 District tournament under the direction of a new coach, Coach Robin Harborth. "The practices were long, but they were enjoyable," stated Sophie Artillan.

Mike Barberousse, Ronny Sorbel, and Michael Armstrong proved to be competent golfers at their only meet. The meet was held at the Chaparral Country Club in Seguin in April.



**Tennis team members are:** Michele Ranney, Sophie Artillan, Shannon Wolfe, Amber Luddeke, Crystal Stuart, Michael Armstrong, and John Huckelba.

**Girls Powerlifting members are:** Top Row: Janelle Haese and Wendy Calvert; Bottom Row: Nicole Payne, Susan Tidwell, and Mimi Pike.



**Golf members are:** Ronny Sorbel, Mike Barberousse, and Michael Armstrong.

Chad Dawes and John Jones take a break from lifting weights as Ben Roath prepares to bench press. The boys regularly lifted weights during their athletic classes and after school.



# Baseball team digs in

The Varsity Bears baseball team started the season by winning their first game. The rest of the season was up and down; however, the team greatly improved from the year before. Coach Paul Pawelek worked hard to improve the players' basic skills and interpersonal relationships so they would work better as a team. By

May, the improvement showed.

Troy Malish, senior, commented, "The team shows a lot of potential."

The Bears' record for the 1988 season was 8-11-1. They placed 6th in district.

David Jenschke digs in as he swings at the ball. David was one of the four seniors on the baseball team.



The infield takes a time out as Jeff Doege warms up to take over pitching. The Bears had a large pitching staff.



Jeff Schrader sets up to catch a pop fly in center field. Coach Paul Pawelek spent countless hours drilling the team on the finer arts of catching fly balls.



**Varsity Baseball:** Top Row: David Lowak, David Jenschke, Jeff Schrader, Trent Grassmuck, David Cornali, Greg Dylla, Brian Oatman. Bottom Row: Coach Mark Wiatrek, Mike Cantu, Ronny Sorbel, Jeff Doege, Steven Withers, Joey Wootan, Curtis Swize, Andy Rivas, Coach Paul Pawelek.







VARSITY BASEBALL		
Bears		Opponent
9	Runge	6
6	Floresville	19
2	Pearsall	12
10	St. Anthony	10
7	Floresville	9
15	Runge	7
3	Poth	6
1	Marion	6
10	Karnes City	19
17	Stockdale	7
15	Pettus	2
11	Nixon-Smiley	12
8	Navarro	13
4	Poth	8
0	Marion	11
1	Karnes City	9
8	Stockdale	3
5	Pettus	3
10	Nixon-Smiley	3
7	Navarro	2

**Mike Cantu squares up to bunt the ball.** This technique was used to move a player into scoring position.

**Ben Roath watches attentively** as his team attempts a comeback. The Bears played their best in the last four innings of the game.



**Brian Oatman watches for the signal** for his pitch. Coach Paul Pawelek had different signs for different plays.

**Coach Paul Pawelek contemplates** the Bears' next move. He evaluated each player's performance at every game.

**Ronny Sorbel turns down the** third base line heading for home plate. Speed was needed within the team to score runs.





**Wendy Calvert and Kim Kolodziej** clown around at the La Vernia Track Meet. The girls team took first place at this meet.



**Taking a break, Dana Grohman** crashes on an empty bleacher. Competitors found it necessary to relax to regain their energy.



**David Watson** leads the pack at Alamo Stadium. David represented LVHS at the State Track Meet, placing fourth in high hurdles.



**Varsity Girls Track** members are: Top Row: Dana Grohman, Kristie Hartmann; Second Row: Tammy Lock, Kim Biela, Wendy Calvert, Lynene Gonzales, Kim Pollok, Kim Kolodziej; Third Row: Jennifer Martinez, Sharice Reynolds, Matilda Church, Mimi Pike, Dolores Mendez, Stacie Land; Fourth Row: Coach Lydia Kubena, Janelle Haese, Cheryl Gerlich, Lisa Lubbock, Kerry Friederick, Sara Lubbock.

**Running the final stretch,** Tony Cervantes gives it all he's got. The boys took an overwhelming first place at the District Meet.

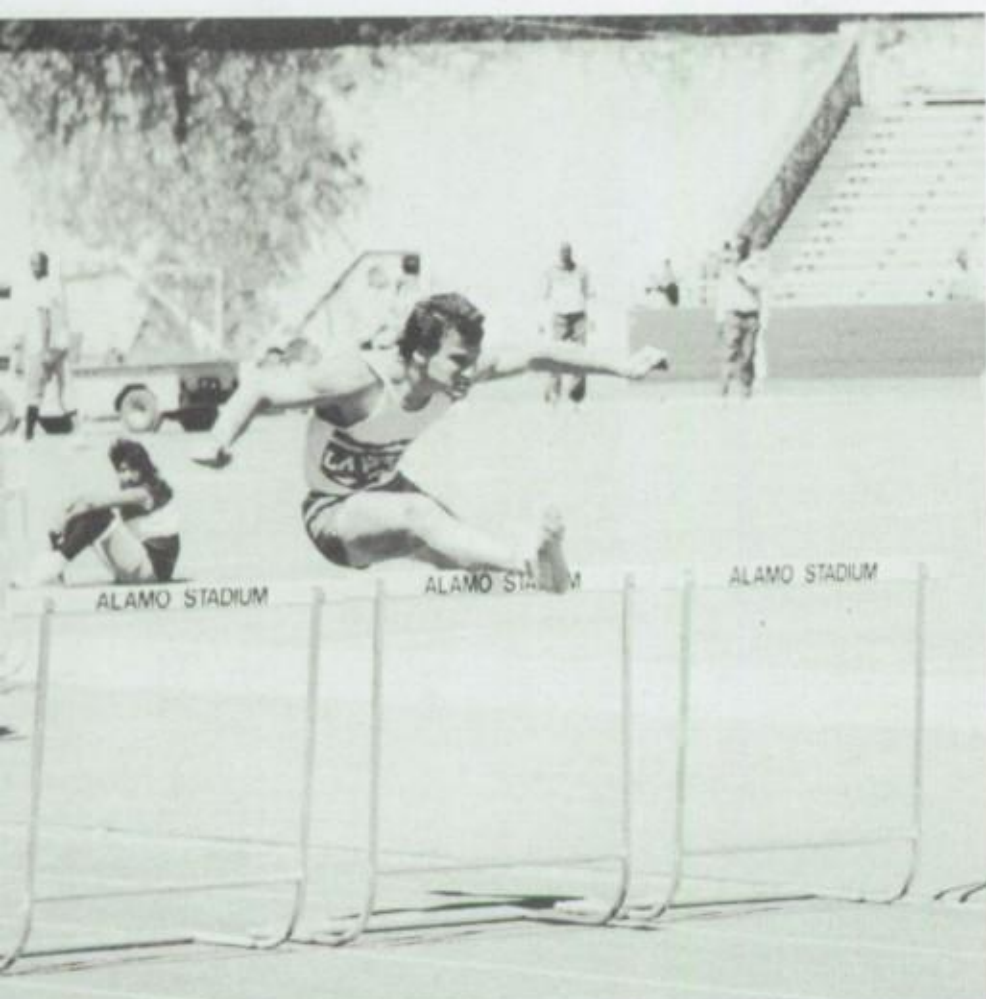


**Lisa Lubbock** is putting everything she has into her first place jump at District. Lisa's ability took her to regional in two events.

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# Bears run away with district



**Varsity Boys Track members:** Top Row: Lance Montgomery, Jody Kunze, Troy Pollok, Mark Koenig, Mark Lopez, Head Coach Larry Moore, Coach Richard Hinojosa; Second Row: Curtis Swize, Chris Pierce, Greg Dylla, Trent Grassmuck, Brian Achilles, J.J. Perez; Third Row: Michael Armstrong, Larry Jefferson, Shannon Hunt, David Weston, Michael Baumann, Carlos Leija, Napoleon Cervantes.

The Varsity Girls Track Team had a tremendous season overall. They took first place at the Junction, La Vernia, Jourdanton, and Devine track meets. When asked if there was any one track meet which was outstanding, Head Coach Lydia Kubena replied, "I would have to say that the girls, overall, did an outstanding job at the Devine meet."

"The team has a certain unity which helps them to have a winning attitude. The girls are also very hard workers and they realize that hard work plus a great attitude equals a winner," stated Kubena.

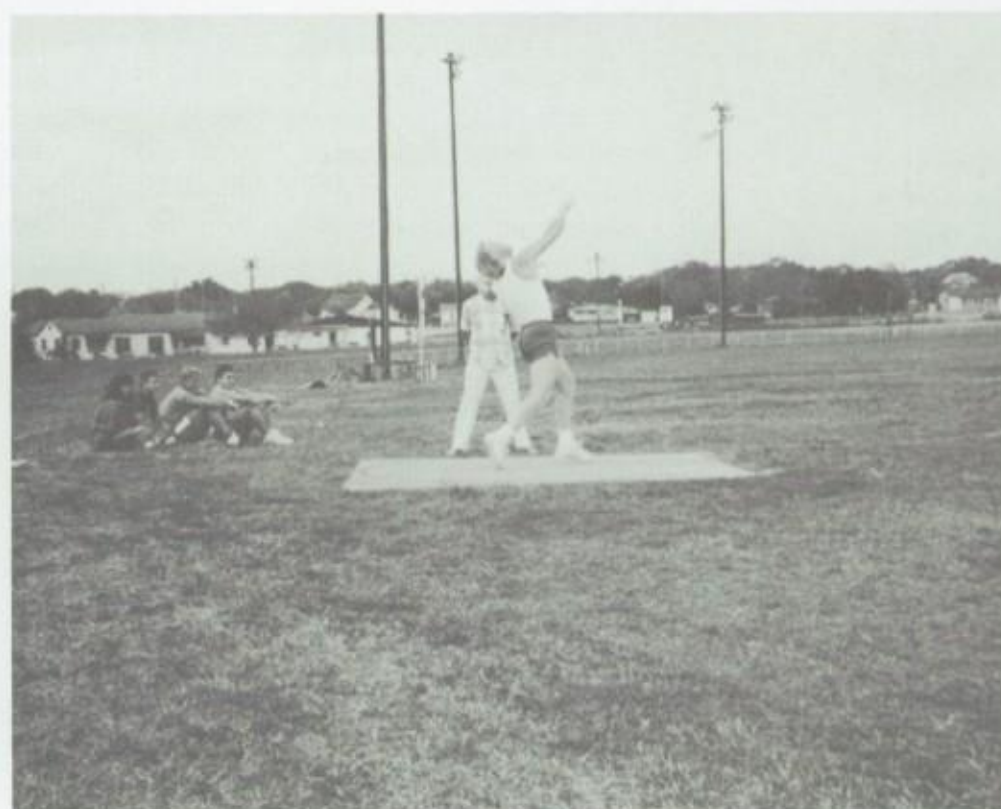
The Varsity Boys Track Team also had an outstanding season. The boys

were declared district champs for the second consecutive year, scoring a total of 157 points. Head Coach Larry Moore stated, "the district meet was easily our best."

"This team showed great character. After losing seven athletes to grades and suffering injuries to key performers, we scored only 34 points and finished seventh at the La Vernia Track Meet. This was especially depressing since we had won the meet the year before. However, the team continued to believe in themselves and began to improve gradually. Our high water mark was clearly the district meet, which we won easily," said Coach Moore.

**Matilda Church** pushes herself to the limit at the Regional Qualifiers Meet in Alamo Stadium. Matilda contributed greatly to the team with her distance running.

**Mark Koenig** shows winning form as he throws the discus. Mark's performance at the District Meet in the shot put qualified him for Regional.





# Athletes go beyond district

Four teams competed in post-season play, making it a banner year for La Vernia. It all began with football. The Bears ended the regular season with a record of 10-0. The team advanced to the regional semifinals where they were defeated by Schulenburg. The Bears finished with a new school record of 12-1. Twelve players were named to the all-district first team, and Mark Koenig and David Watson received Defensive and Offensive Most Valuable Player honors in District

31-AA.

In volleyball, the Lady Bears advanced to bi-district and met the Lady Eagles of Woodsboro. They were beaten, but took pride in knowing they had made the playoffs.

Jimmy Pike qualified for the State Powerlifting Meet in April, placing eleventh. Both track teams won district, and the majority of both teams advanced to regional. However, David Watson was the only state qualifier, placing fourth and third in his events.



**David Watson is tackled** by two Junction defenders as he gains yardage for the Bears while Ben Roath decides what would be the best way to help. David was the all-time leading rusher for the Bears in a single season with 1576 yards.

**Jimmy Pike shows the muscles** that won him fourth place at the State Powerlifting Meet. Jimmy practiced every day after school building his strength, which enabled him to lift a total of 935 pounds at the state meet.

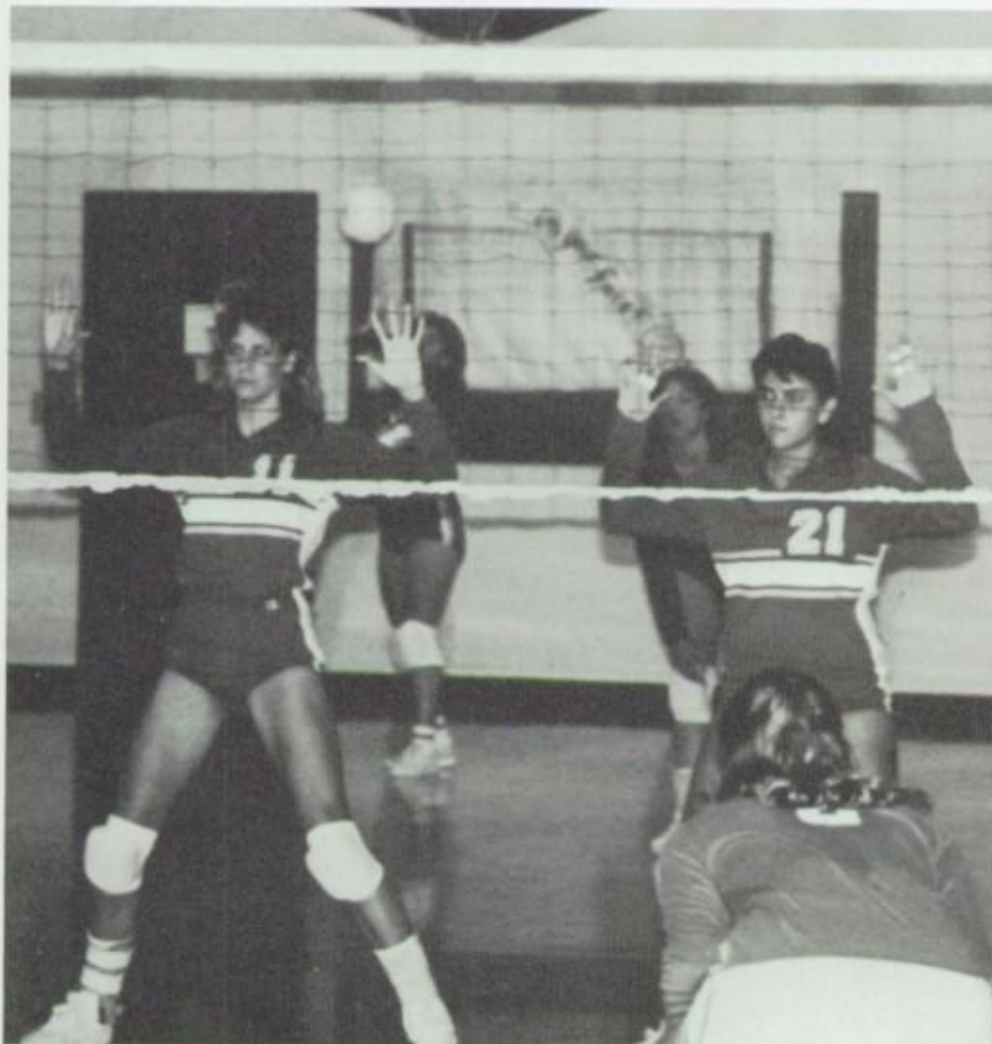






**John Koenig** proudly displays the Bears' area championship trophy. The Bears defeated Junction, 17-7 and went on to meet Schulenberg in the area contest.

**Shay Westerburg** and **Mona Church** prepare to defend the net at Poth. Shay and Mona were two of the volleyball team's most valuable members during post-season play.



**Lisa Lubbock**, **Shannon Wolfe**, and Coaches **Lydia Kubena** and **Robin Harborth** take a look at the action on the court. The Lady Bears were defeated by the Lady Eagles of Woodsboro, ending their year at bi-district.



**David Watson** heads for the finish line at the regional qualifiers' meet at Alamo Stadium in San Antonio. David qualified for state in both the 110-meter and 200-meter hurdles.



**Matilda Church** is ready to shoot out of the blocks in the 400-meter dash. Matilda qualified for the regional track meet, where she placed sixth.







**Boys Track:** David Watson, Mr. Larry Moore.



**Girls Track:** Wendy Calvert, Miss Lydia Kubena.



**Volleyball:** Mona Church, Miss Harborth, Patti Zenner.



**Baseball:** Jeff Schrader, Mr. Paul Pawelek.



**Powerlifting:** Mr. Moore, Jimmy Pike, Mr. Paul Pawelek.



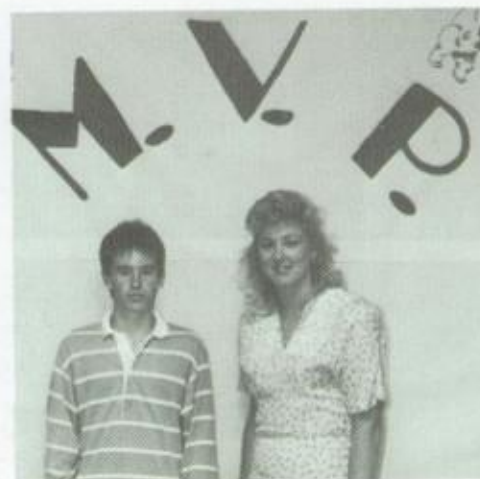
**Powerlifting:** Mr. Larry Moore, Mimi Pike, Mr. Pawelek.



Athletes, parents, faculty, coaches, and Athletic Association members gather in great numbers.



**Golf:** Michael Armstrong, Michael Barberousse, Ronnie Sorbel, Mr. Greg Rosemeyer.



**Boys Tennis:** Michael Armstrong, Miss Robin Harborth.



**Girls Tennis:** Miss Robin Harborth, Shannon Wolfe.



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**Boys Basketball:** Troy Pollok, Mr. Greg Rosemeyer.



**Girls Basketball:** Miss Harborth, Patti Zenner.



**Football:** Lance Montgomery, Mr. Mark Wiatrek.



# Sports banquet names MVP's



On May 19, 1988, the La Vernia Athletic Association held the annual Athletic Banquet.

Athletes, parents, coaches, and members of the Athletic Association gathered in the High School cafeteria to recognize all the athletes and honor the Most Valuable Player in

each high school sport.

The La Vernia Athletic Association sponsored fund raisers throughout the year to aid the school's athletic programs. The officers were Clem Pollok, president; Ted Claus, vice-president; Bernice Niemietz, secretary; and Jo Jenschke, treasurer.



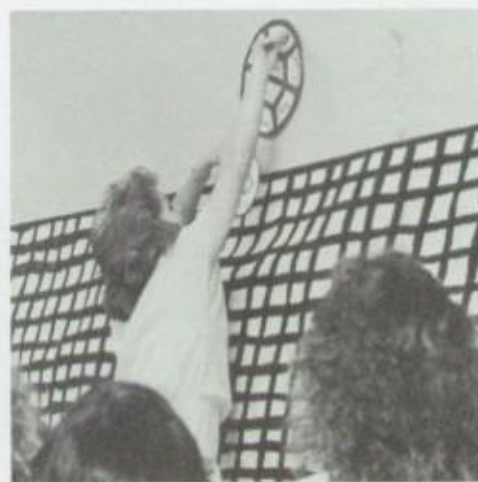
**Bobby West and Brian Oatman** are just a few of the serious athletes present at the Athletic Banquet.



**Senior football players** present a plaque to Mr. Al Sodrok for his interest and support.



**Mr. Al Sodrok and Mr. Clem Pollok** present the Golden Bear Award to Mr. Terry Sorbel for outstanding service to the Athletic Association.



**Patti Zenner** takes down the volleyball keepsake. The athletes appreciated the clever decorations.

"The Bears were competitive in every sport. District titles in football and track highlighted the season. The athletes are to be greatly commended for their dedication and hard work," said Coach Mark Wiatrek, LVHS Athletic Director.



# Bear Band blows 'em away

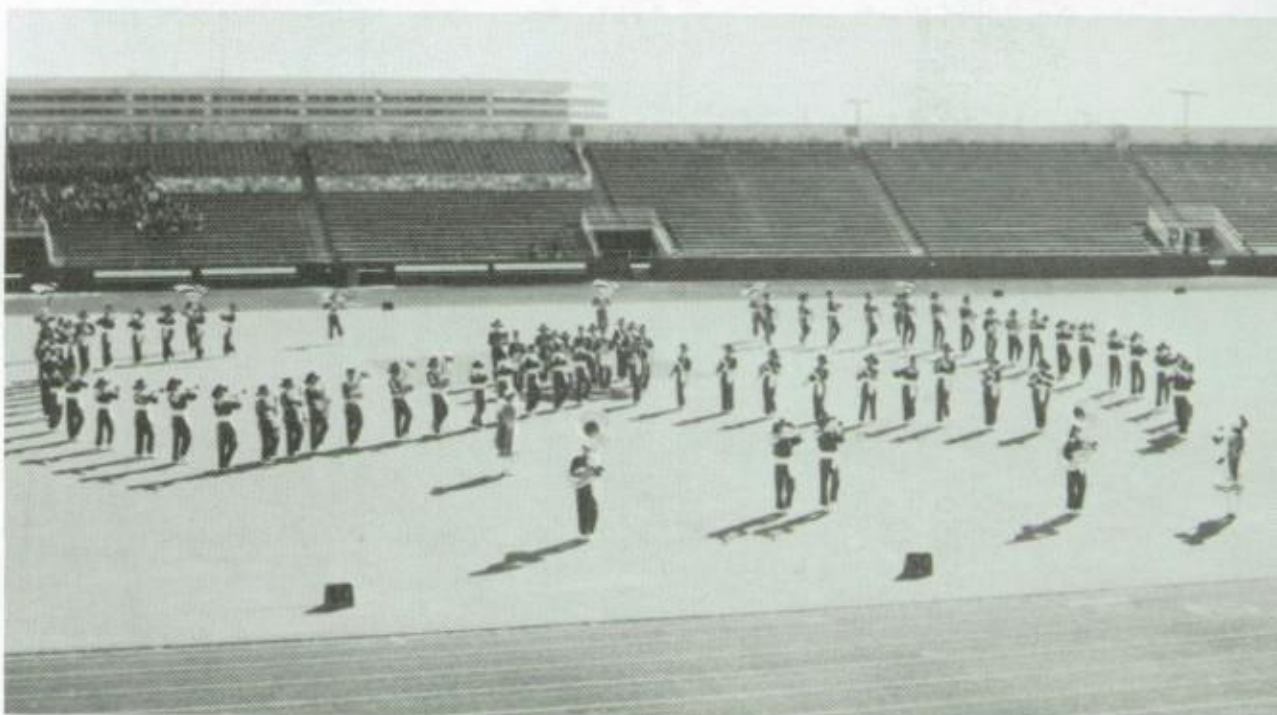
The Mighty Bear Band plunged into district competition receiving a first division in marching and sightreading, and a second division in concert. The 90 member band consisted of nearly 30 percent beginning marchers. This percentage was the largest in the history of the band.

"The band's tremendous success came from the unity and ability to pull together when it really counted. When the performance was poor, the students regrouped and found a way to fix it, although we could not have done it without such great instructors," declared Jennifer Herron. The band was under the direction of Mrs. Kyle Freisenhahn, with the assistance of Mrs. Roxanne Heckman.

Cheryl Gerlich and Patti Zenner prepare for contest. Patti and Cheryl led the band to a good performance.



**Twirlers:** Jennifer Herron and Roslyn Niemietz.



**Band members are:** Back Row: Flags: Mimi Pike, Stephanie Allen, Julie Zigmone (Captain), Dianell Schnitz, Lana Pierdolla, and Jennifer Lambert. Left Line: Heidi Simms, Janie Garza, Emily Ortiz, Stacie Duerm, Bruce Pierdolla, Cody Doege, Laurie Claus, Tommy Kotzur, Joey Winkler, Miguel Morales, Kelly Mollenkopf, Nathan Beran, Karin Strey, Chet Williams, John Thompson, Jeffery Niemietz, David Wheatley, Glen Hoofard, Julie Cope, Karen Henzen, Oscar Gonzales, Cody LeSage, Daniel Morales, Donnie Kotzur, Delores Mendea, Michelle Fender, Jennifer Herron, Matilda Church, and Audrey Kosub. Percussion: John Huckleba, Chris Trafton, Amber Luddeke, Spencer Freeman, Jeff Miller, Susan Thompson, Roslyn Niemietz, Shannon Kavanaugh, Steven Digges, Jennifer Edwards, and Aaron Jahade. Right Row: Jennifer Wootan, Laura King, Janelle Clarner, Rubijo Mace, Melinda Church, Lacey Dieckow, Jodi Dorien, Jimmie Mollenkopf, Kandi Collins, Natalie Parsons, Andrew Hartwick, Lynene Gonzalez, Patrick Pellerin, Steven Kowalik, Adam Pehlam, Kevin Rutledge, Katrina Hartwick, Jonanna Winkler, Lacey Robbins, Pete Huckleba, Jennifer Stuart, Jimmy Winkler, John Turner, Darin Ramzinski, John Gimble, Daniel Metcalf, Aaron Kosub, and Shane Driscoll. Front Row: Cheryl Gerlich (Drum Major), Adam Borgfeld, Jimmy Pike, Chad Dawes, Sammi Hunt, and Patti Zenner (Drum Major).





**Mrs. Kyle Friesenhahn** takes time to have fun with her students at the regional marching contest in Alamo Stadium. Bruce Pierdolla, John Gimbel, and Tommy Kotzer enjoyed the pep talk before the performance.

**Mrs. Roxanne Heckman** and **Mrs. Kyle Friesenhahn** quietly observe the band perform at Luling Stadium. Mrs. Heckman joined the staff as assistant band director.



**Ammi Hunt** pauses for a breath. The anxiety of regional competition caused looks of concern on many faces.



**Adam Borgfeld** receives instruction on perfection. The band invited Mr. James Sudeth from Texas Tech. to help improve the music for concert competition.



Sarah Brooks and Debra McIntosh are all smiles with their new friend. FHA dressed in Halloween costumes when they took a field trip to a local nursing home in Stockdale.

Kim Biela, Jacqui Borders, and Kim Kolodziej help prepare food for the hamburger stand at the La Vernia Stockshow. FHA earned money by selling a record amount of hamburgers.



**FHA Officers:** Top Row: Melissa Church (5th V.P.), Lana McFadin (1st V.P.), Jennifer Herron (Historian), Stacie Land (Treasurer); Bottom Row: Sarah Brooks (3rd V.P.), Andrea Oatman (Secretary), Mrs. Susan Keller, Kari Volkmann (2nd V.P.), Shannon Loep (President).

**Homemaking teacher Mrs. Susan Keller** extends her supervision to some beginning homemakers. The students were fast and eager learners.



**Top Row:** Jennifer Herron, Christie Verburgt, Debra McIntosh, Susan Ybarra, Ka Henzen, Janie Garza, Danna Ciomperlik, Becky Luddeke, Kim Pollok, Nancy Calho  
**Second Row:** Mrs. Susan Keller, Missy Kaupert, L McFadin, Cheryl Moehrig, Andrea Oatman, Dawn James, Kim Gerhardt, Janelle Ha  
**Bottom Row:** Kim Biela, Stacey Rohrbough, Stacie Land, Laurie Barnhardt, K Volkmann, Sarah Brooks, Crystal Clark, Margie Jenkins, Dolores Mendez, Rubijo Ma



# FHA serves community



The Future Homemakers of America had a very productive and successful year filled with many special projects.

At Halloween the members visited the Stockdale Nursing Home where they were greeted with a warm welcome by all. During Christmas they returned to sing carols to the patients.

The annual Christmas party was once again held at the Magic Time Machine and was enjoyed by everyone. During the summer the students took a field trip to Schlitterbaun in New Braunfels.

As they have been so many years before, the FHA was a major participant at the La Vernia Stockshow. Along with Advisor Mrs. Susan Keller, the members were great supporters of all events and projects at the Stockshow. Members volunteered their time to work the concession stand in order to earn money for the organization. A record 1,100 hamburgers were sold.

**FHA President Shannon Loep** helps a young beginner. After the young kindergarten rolled the dough, his cookies were ready for baking.



**Andrea Oatman, Crystal Clark, and Dawn James** received help from Mr. Clem Pollok in making hamburgers. Many parents volunteered their time to help in the FHA booth at the Stockshow.





**Greenhand Quiz:** Spencer Freeman, Crissy Eastin, Greg Dylla, Sammi Hunt.



**Senior Skills:** Michael Baumann, David Lowak, Chris Ullman, Brian Achilles.



**Radio Broadcasting:** Cody Doege, Lacey Robbins, Lisa Lubbock, not pictured Dawn James.



**Poultry Judging:** Chris Pierce, Richard Robbins, Pat Pellerin, Brain Martin.



**Dairy Judging:** Edwin Martin, Stephanie Jackson, Lacey Robbins, Andy Stuart.



**Meat Judging:** Brandon Leister, Eric Cooper, Jeff Doege, Tommy Kotzur.

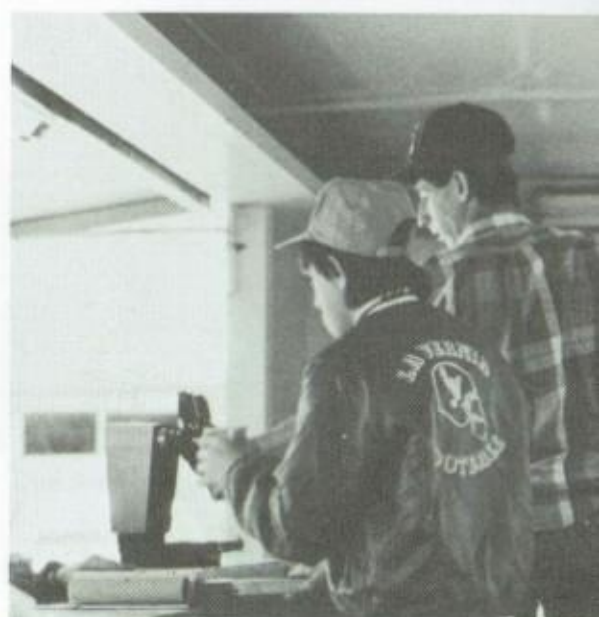


**Dairy Products:** Dianell Schnitz, Crissy Eastin, Sammi Hunt, B.J. Burks, Sara Lubbock, Jennifer Martinez.



**Junior Chapter Conducting:** Front Row: B.J. Burks, Sara Lubbock, Dianell Schnitz. Back Row: Keith Balcar, J.J. Perez, Chris Pierce, Richard Robins.

Lisa Lubbock shows a little extra attention to her hog before the stockshow. Lisa served as president of FFA during her junior year.





# Ag teams win honors



The FFA teams had an excellent year due to the hard work and dedication of many students. Both the Dairy and Meat Judging Teams went to state in May. The Quiz Team, all freshmen, also went to state in the Fall, taking an impressive first place.

Many students prepared and exhibited their animals in the San Antonio and Houston stockshows before the La Vernia show.

The FFA ran the coke stand at the La Vernia Stockshow in order to raise money for the organization. The stockshow was a great success because of the participation of all the FFA members.

Mr. Kevin Sells and Mr. Rex Schnitz dedicated much time and commitment to the success of all the FFA projects.



Working in the shop, Mr. Kevin Sells attacks a piece of wood. A new teacher, he contributed greatly to the FFA organization.



**Tommy Kotzur displays his chickens for the judges at the La Vernia Stockshow. The results later revealed that Tommy had won Reserve Grand Champion.**

**Patrick Pellerin, Greg Trudo, and Peter Zigmond, FFA members, are working in the coke stand. The organization manned the stand as their fund raiser at the Stockshow.**

**Keith Kretschmar, Joey Winkler, and Philip Dylla, all seniors, practice cutting techniques. Members built several projects throughout the year.**



**Bobby West and Roslyn Niemietz show their swine at the Stockshow. Both members worked long hours with their animals in an attempt to place and sell well.**





Trent Grassmuck knows something his hog doesn't know. Students hoped that their last minute touches would pay.

Awaiting the judges decision, Karin Strey dreams of first place. This dream came true and with it the Grand Champion award.

#### Grand Champions Livestock

Steers	Karin Strey
Lamb	Troy Malish
Swine	Jack Higgins
Broilers	William Vader
Turkeys	Sean Koehler
Rabbits	Michelle Fender

#### Baked Goods Junior

Uniced Cake	Molly Lubbock
Iced Cake	Courtney Kosub
Yeast Bread	Shane Land
Quick Bread	Todd Matheaus
Bar Cookies	Cheryl Rutledge
Drop Cookies	Brandon Puhlmann
Pie	Shane Land

#### Senior

Uniced Cake	Sarah Brooks
Iced Cake	Stacie Land
Yeast Bread	Janie Garza
Quick Bread	Stacey Rohrbough
Bar Cookies	Patti Zenner
Drop Cookies	Wade Land
Pie	Theresa Ploch

Overall Grand Champions  
of the Food Show:  
Theresa Ploch and Molly Lubbock.



Parents stand by as the judge tries to place the rabbits. Behind the scenes effort on the parents' part helped the show to run well.



William Vader, Michelle Koehler, and Steven Lowak require help in holding their turkeys for the judge to see. The flapping of the wings caused a furor in the ring.

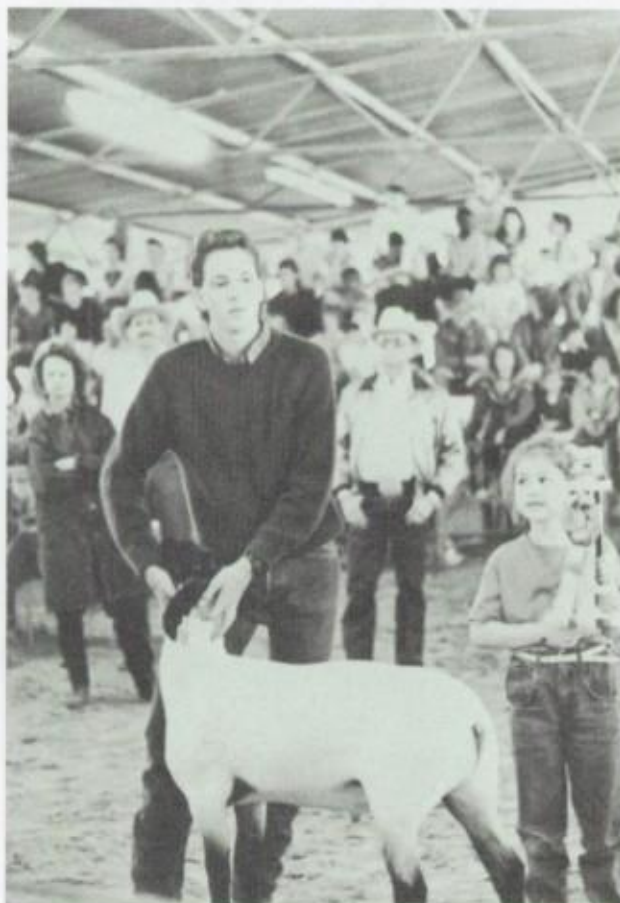
Mr. Doug Wildenstein consults with Mr. Rex Schnitz about a weighing-in problem. Mr. Schnitz helped FFA members with their projects.



# Stockshow means excitement



Jimmy Kotzur watches the judge carefully and hopes his chickens place high. Chris Erce and Donnie Kotzur helped.



A sleepy Dawn Grohman uses her pig as a pillow. Both seemed to be in hog heaven.

Despite the rain and cold weather that preceded Stockshow, all participants had their animals prepped and ready for competition on time.

The La Vernia Junior Livestock Show was held the weekend of March 18. Animals were weighed in and sifted on Friday. Friday evening and Saturday morning the animals were judged. Ribbons were awarded to all places, and trophies were received by Grand and Reserve champions of all divisions.

As the sun broke through the clouds Saturday morning, the day seemed more promising. Starting promptly at eight, the foods show was underway. Qualified judges tasted and scored the sweets.

The FHA and FFA fed the hungry exhibitors, parents, and buyers with hamburgers and cokes.

Showmanship awards were presented before the auction. Honors went to: Swine, Brandon Puhlmann and Lacey Robbins; Steers, Karin Strey and Edwin Martin; Lambs, Jennifer Wootan and Keith Balcar; and Rabbits, Michelle Fender.

"Although the economy was down, we made a good profit from our animals," Lacey Robbins stated. The auction sales did not total the last year's amount, but sales were high.

Sara Lubbock concentrates on the judge's reaction as she shows her pig. Amy Lubbock and Christie Robbins were equally concerned.

Alvist Brooks' steer shows his stubborn nature. Getting a thousand pound animal to behave was not the easiest part of raising a steer.

Awaiting the end of the bidding, Troy Malish tries to calculate how much money he will receive for his Grand Champion lamb. Kristin Balcar held Troy's trophy for the bidders to see.



# NHS provides services

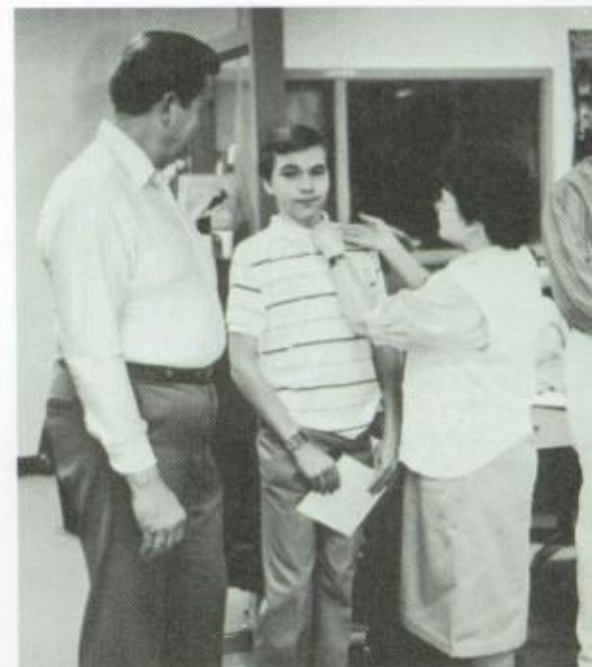
Busy as usual, the National Honor Society successfully completed many projects. They sponsored two blood drives and are planning to purchase materials for the building of a jungle gym for the elementary school which the Ag. Department is going to construct.

The induction of the new NHS members was held on April 11. Newly elected members were John Gimbel, Karen Henzen, Jennifer Lambert, Darin Ramzinski, and Kevin Rutledge. NHS sponsor was Mrs. Sharon Davis.

**Andy Rivas** donates blood at the blood drive. The blood drives were sponsored by the NHS.

**NHS members are:** Top Row: Mr. James Maher, Karen Henzen, Christi Carson, Cheryl Gerlich, Miguel Morales, Stephen Cicherski, Darin Ramsinski, and John Gimbel. Middle Row: Jennifer Lambert, Laurie Claus, Julie Zigmond, Jonanna Winkler, Kevin Rutledge, and Mrs. Sharon Davis. Bottom Row: David Bray, Treasurer; Audrey Kosub, President; Jimmy Pike, Vice President; and Patti Zenner, Secretary.

**Audrey Kosub** speaks at the NHS induction. Audrey was president of NHS.



**Kevin Rutledge** receives his NHS pin. His parents were obviously very proud.



Student council members have a brief meeting on the breezeway. Jonanna Winkler was the president of Student Council.



## Student Council sponsors Playday

Student Council consisted of three representatives elected from each class. Updating the bulletin boards in the hallways and the daily raising of the flags in front of the school were their chief responsibilities. Student Council was sponsored by Mr. Robert Cole.

On the afternoon of Prom day, May 6, the Student Council sponsored a playday at the City Park, and classes competed for superiority in softball and volleyball. Lunch consisting of barbecued hamburgers, chips, and soft drinks, was served by Student Council members as students mingled in the park and prepared for their class competitions.

Student Council members are: Top Row: David Lowak, Craig Lackey, Mimi Pike, Kim Kolodziej, Lynene Gonzalez, and Kevin Rutledge. Bottom Row: Roslyn Niemietz, Audrey Kosub, Jonanna Winkler, Jimmy Pike, and Laurie Claus.



David Lowak, Jimmy Pike, and Laurie Claus cook hamburgers during the play day on Prom day. Freshly cooked hamburgers were welcomed in place of cafeteria food.

Lynene Gonzalez and Kim Kolodziej are the Student Council representatives from the freshman class. Hanging the flags was one of their duties.





Prince Simon gazes earnestly into the eyes of Princess Camilla during a touching scene of *The Ugly Duckling*. The characters were played by Craig Lackey and Jennifer Lambert.

The cast and crew of *The Ugly Duckling* take a curtain call. The play was performed for students and parents.



Jonanna Winkler tensely awaits her competition, accounting. It was well worth the wait, as Jonanna advanced to regional competition.

Kim Pollok, Greg Dylla, and Kim Biela find an interesting way to pass the time. The UIL meet was sponsored by Marion High School.



Darren Claus and Mimi Pike have a heart-to-heart talk. Darren and Mimi were two of the eleven cast and crew members of the One Act Play.

#### District UIL Gold Medals

Kelly Mollenkopf and John Turner  
John Gimbel  
Steve Cicherski  
Karen Henzen  
Crystal Stuart

Team Debate  
Lincoln-Douglas Debate  
Persuasive Speaking  
Headline Writing  
Typewriting

#### District UIL Silver Medals

Theresa Cornali  
Darren Claus  
Jennifer Lambert  
John Huckelba  
Audrey Kosub  
Audrey Kosub

Lincoln-Douglas Debate  
Informative Speaking  
Poetry Interpretation  
Editorial Writing  
Headline Writing  
Spelling

#### District UIL Bronze Medals

Sophie Artillan  
Lee Palmer

Accounting  
Persuasive Speaking



# Competition proves rewarding



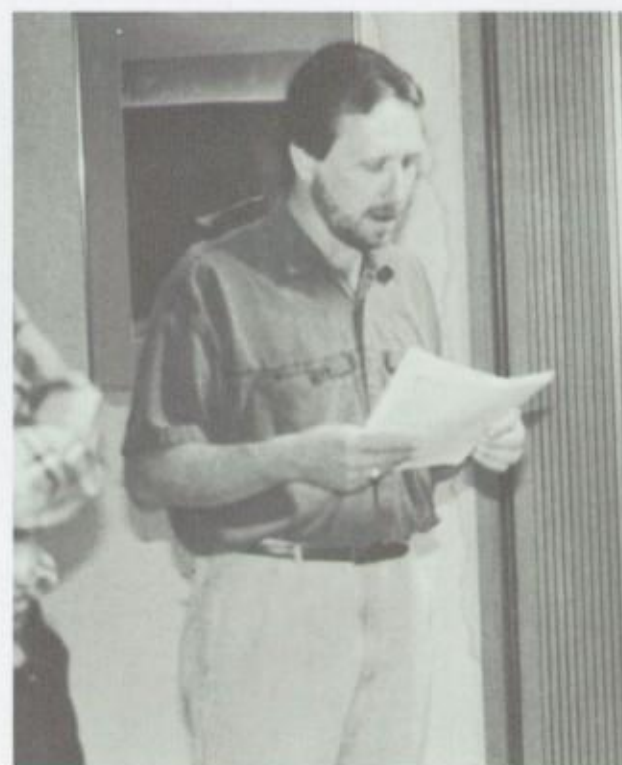
"Successful" is how Mrs. Sharon Davis described the District UIL meet. Scoring 271 points, La Vernia won the meet, and twenty-four people advanced to regional competition in Victoria on April 22. The district meet took place at Texas Lutheran College in Seguin on March 22. La Vernia contestants competed against seven other schools in District 31-AA.

*The Ugly Duckling*, a farce, was entered in the One Act Play zone competition. At zone, Darren Claus, Rebecca Wildenstein, and Jennifer Lambert were named to the All-Star Cast, and Mimi Pike and Craig Lackey received Honorable Mention. Advancing to district competition were La Vernia and Marion. La Vernia placed third at district, where Rebecca Wildenstein and Jennifer Lambert received All-Star Cast, and Darren Claus and Mimi Pike were named to the Honorable Mention cast.

The UIL co-ordinators were Mrs. Sharon Davis and Mrs. Corlea Plowman. The play was directed by Mr. Robert Hrechko.



**District UIL Participants:** Front Row: Andrew Hartwick, John Gimbel, Jeff Doege, Kevin Rutledge, John Huckelba, Lee Palmer, Michael Armstrong, David Bray, Kelly Mollenkopf; Second Row: Karen Henzen, Jonanna Winkler, Sophie Artillan, Laurie Claus, Crystal Stuart, Kristie Hartmann, Nicole Payne, Audrey Kosub, Lynene Gonzalez, Nancy Calhoun, Jennifer Lambert, Heidi Simms, Ramona Azbill, Sherry Hall; Back Row: Theresa Cornali, Julie Zigmond, Miguel Morales, John Turner, Darin Ramzinski, Darren Claus, Kim Kolodziej, Jannelle Clarner, Kim Biela.



**Mr. Danny Friesenhahn** examines the UIL meet schedule. Mr. Friesenhahn directed ready writing and spelling.



## Language skills emphasized

### English

An accelerated curriculum was implemented in the English III and IV Honors classes. "To help the students gain insight into individualism," was Mrs. Sharon Davis' view toward the changes. The students kept journals, diaries, and symbolic representations of maturity. Mrs. Davis' students also studied po-

etry and prose and the big projects in the spring were the term papers.

Mr. Danny Friesenhahn, a new teacher, had to adapt to the curriculum set by the school district. Emphasis was placed on literature in the ninth grade. The literature was taught in units by types, such as Greek Mythology. The students designed thrones for the gods and goddesses of Olympus and had to write an original myth by using a natural event.

### Theater Arts & Newspaper

Mrs. Corlea Plowman taught

Honors English II, theater arts, and newspaper journalism. She took over for Mrs. Joyce Sparks, who suffered a severe illness before the second semester.

Mrs. Plowman had guest speakers visit her classes. In English she invited a local author to speak. Honors English II also researched the history of La Vernia. The newspaper staff turned out a paper printed by the Seguin Gazette. The normal newspaper format was enjoyed by the whole student body.

Honors English III students rehearse for *The Crucible*. The play was a project for Mrs. Sharon Davis, and these students spent a Sunday afternoon on the patio getting ready for second period on Monday.

Tommy Kotzur lip syncs in Theater Arts class. His imitation of George Strait was a highlight of the show. This activity was the class' favorite assignment and was repeated regularly throughout the year.



Mrs. Sharon Davis' English III class attempts to take notes as she explains the material. Glen Hoofard asked many questions throughout the year and helped to keep the class exciting.







**Mr. Danny Friesenhahn** gets caught in action. Grading papers seemed to be a trial for most teachers, and working in the teachers' lounge seemed to ease the ordeal.

**Students** in Mr. Danny Friesenhahn's English I class enjoy a video presentation. The class was studying *Romeo and Juliet* and watched a professional presentation to increase their understanding.

**Martha Leija** and **Mary Chagoya** look on as **Kim Gerhardt** reviews the school newspaper. Kim was the newspaper editor this year.



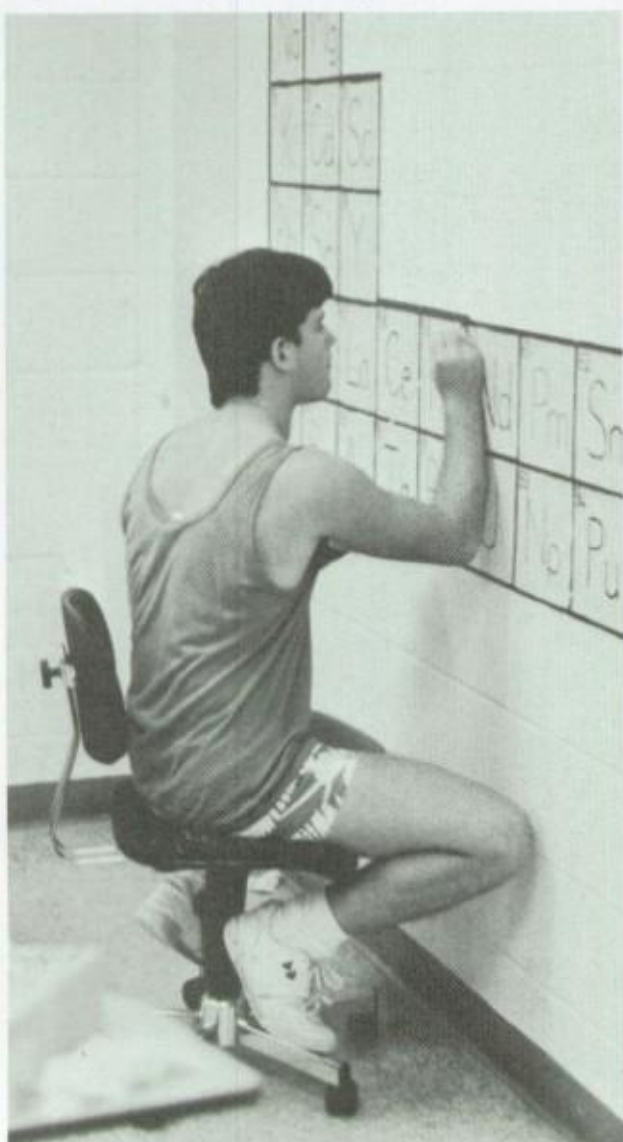
**Shelton Fowler** enjoys reading a newspaper article during journalism class. The newspaper staff often borrowed ideas from newspapers to enhance their own pages.

**Honors English II** students act out *Of Mice and Men* during class time. The participation made the learning process more enjoyable.



**Lisa Lubbock** catches a small nap after lunch. Fellow students in Honors Algebra II teased Lisa for her occasional lapses during class.

**Rick Kramer** works diligently on the Periodic table. The chemistry classes painted the table in Mrs. Nan Dockery's room during the Christmas holidays.



## Math, science combine skills

### Math

The accelerated math classes were taught by Mrs. Lois Bigler, Mr. Mike Rheinlaender, and Coach Mark Wiatrek. Mrs. Bigler taught the new Honors Algebra II class. It consisted of 12 students using an advanced text. The trigonometry class went to Randolph in March with the advanced computer class to view the facilities and inquire about mathematical careers in the Air Force.

Coach Wiatrek taught geometry preparing the students to go on to Algebra II. Coach Wiatrek

stated that although his classes were not divided into honors sections, he had some exceptional students. The geometry students often enjoyed learning to graph intricate geometric figures. Algebra I was taught by Mr. Mike Rheinlaender. Mr. Rheinlaender showed his classes the practical applications of algebra by going out on the lawn and using stakes to prove the Pythagorean Theorem. In the spring the FOM class challenged the trig class to a softball game. Statistics were kept and studied the following day.

### Science

Dr. Keith Himmel and Mrs. Nan Dockery taught all phases of high school science, including physical science, biology, chemis-

try, and physics.

College bound students took chemistry and enjoyed the lab experiments. "The most unusual things about the students in La Vernia is their high level of skill. It's above any level I've seen in other schools," said Mrs. Dockery.

Dr. Himmel taught biology and physics. The biology students enjoyed dissecting fetal pigs and having plant and bug collections. The highlight of the year was dissecting a shark. A special treat was having a cheese tasting party to study molds and enzymes. The physics students performed many laboratory experiments and designed and built a kite for their final exam.





**Dr. Keith Himmel** is dissecting a shark for his biology class. The students also dissected a fetal pig.

**Laurie Claus** celebrated her 17th birthday with the Honors Algebra II class. The Class of '89 was the first to have an Honors Algebra II section.



**David Watson** accelerates on a bicycle while other members of the physics class time and record the experiment. Dr. Keith Himmel incorporated learning by doing many projects.

**Martha Sanchez** looks into her microscope to examine cells. The biology class looked forward to lab days.



**Trig Radians 14, FOM Raiders 13.** David Gray showed an unknown talent for softball during this game between the two classes.

**The Navy** lands in La Vernia. Kelly Mollenkopf inquired about educational programs in mathematics during a presentation on nuclear powered submarines.





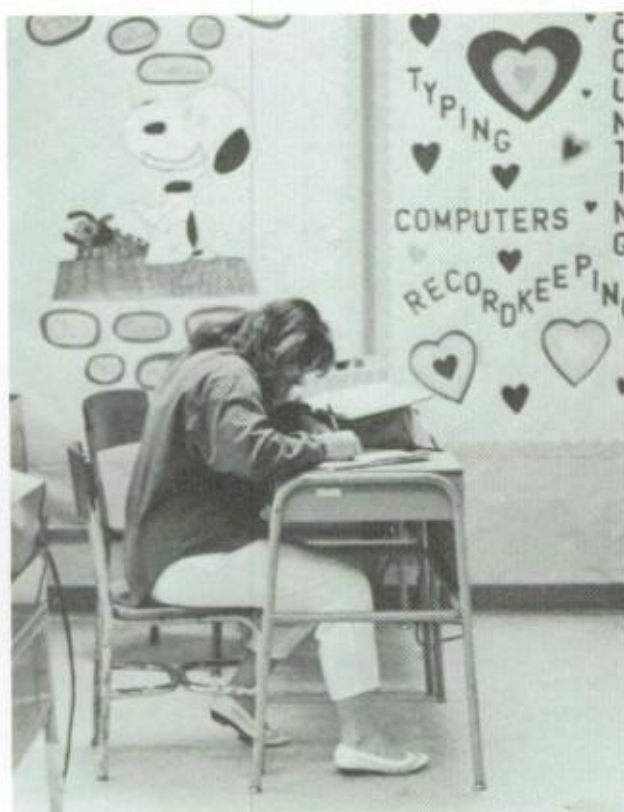
**Christi Carson** examines stock listings. The Honors Economics class played the Stock Market Game for a semester.

**John Huckelba** eats heartily at Pizza Hut following the computer-trig. field trip to Randolph Air Force Base. Students toured the facility and observed the main frame computers at work.



**Darin Ramzinski, John Gimbel, Kevin Rutledge, John Huckelba, Nathan Beran, and David Bray** competed successfully at the district computer programming contest in San Antonio. Darin, John, and David represented LVHS at the state contest in April.

**Sophie Artillan**, exchange student from France, prepares a ledger for accounting. Her skill won second place in accounting at District UIL.



**Tommy Dawes and Matt Clarner** work diligently on a project in computer class while **Cody Doege** waits patiently for Mr. Duane Strecker's assistance. The new Tandy 1000's increased interest and enrollment in computer classes.



**David Stanish** is puzzled as he looks for **Vernia** on the globe. The history class enjoyed looking for countries with Coach **Larry Moore**.



# Social Studies 'balance' the books

## History

Coach Larry Bob Moore had an interesting year teaching his American history and government classes. Many government students went on a field trip to Austin to see the LBJ Library and the State Archives on December 15.

The American history class started the year by doing a family tree. The second six weeks everyone found an old legend and recorded or wrote it down. Coach Moore really put spunk into both classes by having a current events feud on many Fridays.

The world history classes were led by Coach Paul Pawelek. Coach Pawelek allowed the students to put together a notebook every six weeks to bring up their grades. His classes had the reputation of being lively.

## Business and Economics

Economics, typing, accounting, business law, personal business management, and recordkeeping were important business classes taught by Ms. Patricia Paradis and Mrs. Peggy Rheinlaender.

The Honors Economics class participated in a stock market game, competing with schools throughout the San Antonio area. Advanced typing and office procedures have become more involved in school and community projects.

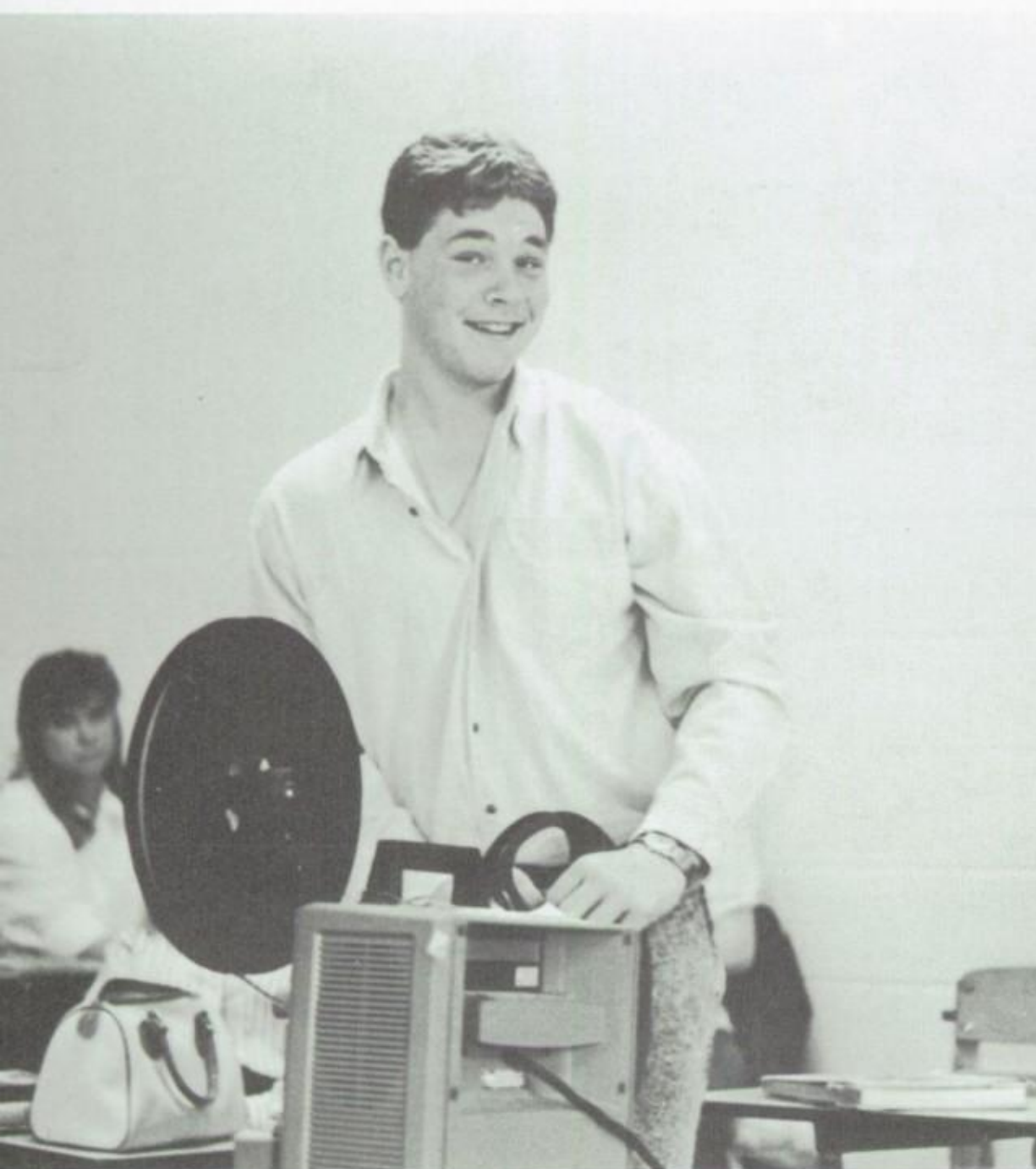
Mrs. Rheinlaender's record-

keeping class did the actual work of a recordkeeper for their final six weeks project.

## Computers

Computer science classes took a field trip in the spring to Randolph Air Force Base to observe the uses of main frames. Mr. Duane Strecker strongly emphasized programming in his classes, using Basic and Pascal computer languages. Computer math was offered, teaching basic math on the computer.

In February, two computer teams went to regional competition in San Antonio against schools much larger than LVHS. The teams placed first and tenth. The first place team qualified to compete at the state competition held at Judson High School in San Antonio.



Coach Larry Moore hands out daily homework to his sixth period U.S. History class. Coach Moore also taught government.

Dave Cornali is setting up the film projector for his Honors Economics class. Ms. Patti Paradise used many visual aids to teach her classes.



Derek Ball removes cookies from the pan while Mary Chagoya washes dishes. Cooking skills were some of the essentials learned in home economics.

Mrs. Mary Bordner instructs Mimi Pike on how to save a choking child. Mrs. Bordner also was the superintendent's secretary.



Andy Rivas helps kindergarteners make cookies. Even boys participated in home-making classes.

Members of the Agricultural Mechanics class learn to survey. The class was a two hour morning course.



While the students decorate cookies, Missy Kaupert supervises them. The best part was eating the results.

## Classes build on training

### Vocational Agriculture

Vocational agriculture students experienced hands-on training in all classes. Mr. Rex Schnitz and Mr. Kevin Sells directed students in all phases of agriculture. Students constructed trailers, repaired small engines, participated in poultry and meat judging, and raised a garden.

Ag classes went on three major field trips. The classes visited Holly Farms in Seguin, a meat plant, and had local on-farm projects. Later in the year, a representative from UTI

spoke to the juniors and seniors.

Next year classes will be referred to as agriculture sciences and will run on a semester rather than yearly schedule.

### Home Economics

Students in home economics classes, taught by Mrs. Susan Keller, learned many domestic activities. The foods classes cooked various dishes for meals and the consumer education class sewed "jams" for the summer. The clothing class constructed new aprons for the food labs, 165 bandanas for the La Vernia Stockshow, and many personal garments. The consumer education class had a guest speak to them about insurance and banking.





The home economics classes included six semester classes for in-depth study into particular areas. The two new classes were clothing and textiles and home furnishings and housing.

#### Health

The purpose of health class was to gain life skills and attitudes toward personal health. The class studied diseases, the human body, and nutrition. The La Vernia EMS gave Mr. Greg Rosemeyer's class a demonstration on the techniques of Cardiac Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). The students enjoyed practicing their newly learned skills on Annie, the demonstration dummy.



**Joe Carrola practices mouth to mouth resuscitation on a dummy with Mrs. Mary Lynn Sheirer's help. The health class learned CPR and other first aid techniques.**

**Getting ready to weld, Joey Winkler ignites his torch. The Ag Mechanics class also learned mechanical skills.**

**Philip Dylla tempts 'Rufus' as Troy Balcar watches. Rufus was an unofficial member of all Ag. classes.**



The French class prepares to board the bus for their field trip. The McNay Art Institute was their destination.

Students get messy in Spanish. Stephanie Allen enjoyed making pinatas.



Carol Grier eats her comida espanol. Each Spanish student contributed an item to the varied menu.

Birthday girl Roslyn Niemietz opens her gifts during French class. Special occasions such as this seemed more fun when done with a French accent.



Tony Cervantes, Dennis Barnhart, Robert Brooks, and Mario Gonzales stand with their art projects. The windows of the li-

brary displayed their work for the enjoyment of all students during the winter.





Students in all grade levels take French I. Class participation was encouraged by Mrs. Kathy Bierele.



Rebecca Wildenstein, Lisa Lubbock, Cheryl Gerlich, and Patti Zenner taste Mexican delicacies. All Spanish classes contributed to the fiesta of foods.

Ms. Amelia Flores concentrates on a sample of her students' cooking skills. She taught Spanish I and II.



## Students enjoy varied cultures

### Spanish

With new and exciting things to learn, the Spanish classes taught by Ms. Amelia Flores, explored cultural differences. Her Spanish classes enjoyed taking a field trip in February to watch Mexican dancers perform. The group finished the day at Poncho's Mexican Restaurant for a cultural shock in tasting Mexican food.

After what seemed like end-

less days of worksheets, the students in Spanish II classes enjoyed making Mexican dishes such as tortillas, enchiladas and frijoles and crafting Ojos de Dios. The Spanish I students learned how to make pinatas and colorful paper flowers.

### French

Mrs. Kathleen Bierle taught the French class the finer points of the language. With the absence of classes in French the year before, Mrs. Bierle was hopeful for a good enrollment in 1987-88, and eighteen students participated.

On December 17, 1987, her students enjoyed a field trip to the

McNay Art Institute to examine French paintings. Afterwards the students experienced the fine art of French cuisine.

### Special Education

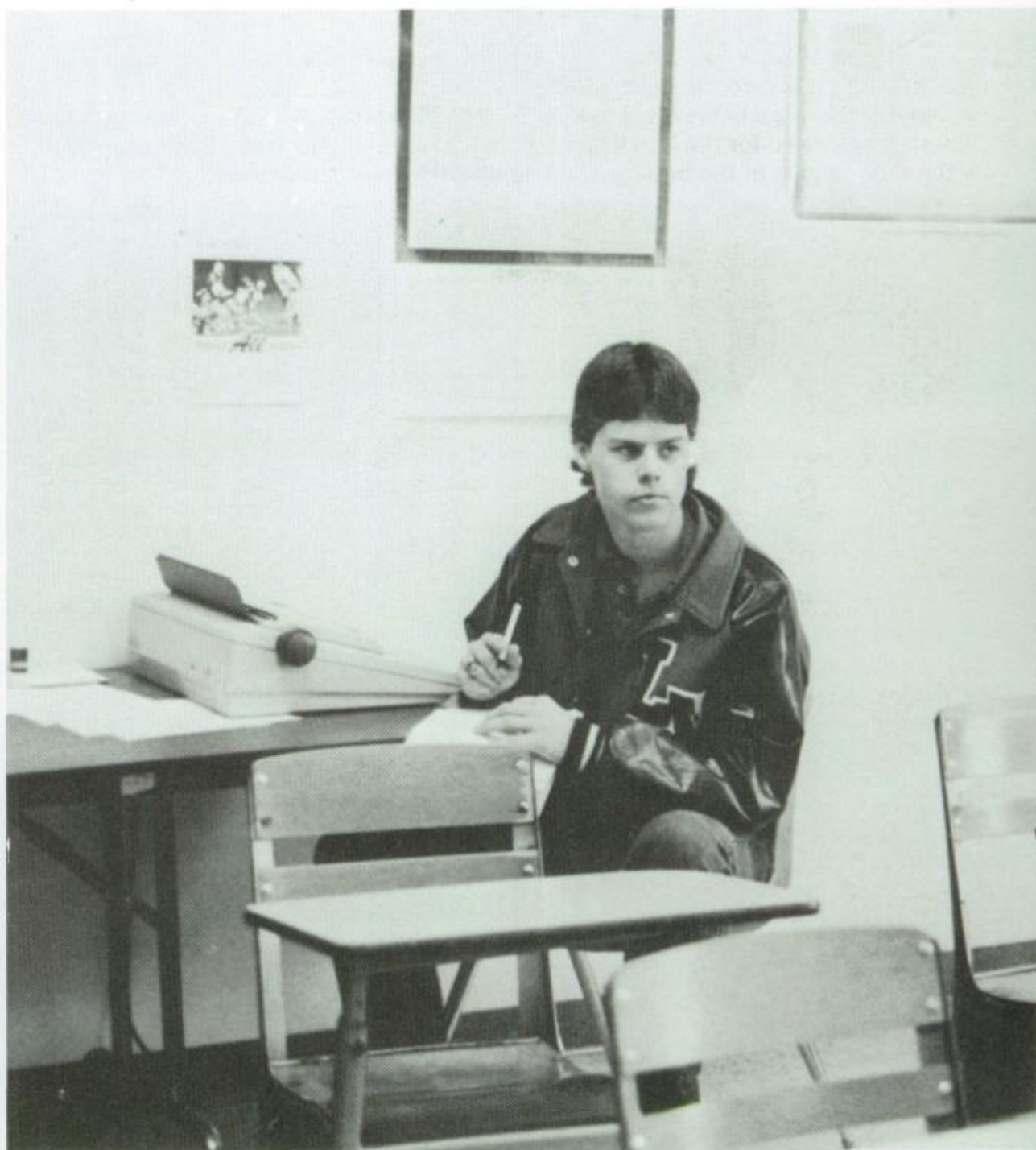
Special ed. was taught by Mr. Robert Cole. He incorporated rewards along with learning. The special ed. students proved to be good artists and kept the library windows decorated.

The resource room was moved to "B" building, and students enjoyed easy access to the City Park, where they played volleyball and softball between lessons.



Craig Lackey is pondering his choice of words for the copy on the football page. Learning to write effective copy was part of the yearbook instruction.

Karen Henzen and Kelly Mollenkopf are working hard to meet their deadline. Meeting deadlines involved teamwork and organization.



**Yearbook staff members:** David Burns, Jennifer Herron, Jean Ploch, Renee Hild, Nicole Payne, Brandon Brown, Tommy Dawes, Kelly Mollenkopf, Darin Ramzinski, Christi Carson, Mrs. Lois Bigler, Julie Zigmond, Audrey Kosub, Karen Henzen, Jodi Ierien, and Craig Lackey. Not pictured Shay Westerburg and Steve Dobbins.

## Yearbook utilizes computers

"A remarkable group of journalism students showing eagerness and competence," said Mrs. Lois Bigler to describe her yearbook class. Many new challenges faced the staff. For the first time they used computers to put together the index, body copy, and all other written materials. Yearbook sales and ads were also entered on the computer. Much of the year was spent learning the system. Doing layouts, writing captions, copy, and headlines occupied the first two six weeks.

Audrey Kosub, the editor,



These members of the yearbook staff are working in copy for the large February deadline. Computers were used for the first time to handle the written part of the book.

**Christi Carson** laughs as she writes captions for her volleyball pictures. Writing captions was harder than it appeared.



**Craig Lackey, Nicole Payne, and Steve Dobbins** take time out to show what fun yearbook can be. Their duties as staff members caused them to show up at strange places at odd times.



is responsible for reviewing the work of every staff member and approving the final page reads.

In August the yearbook staff went to Newsfoto Yearbook Camp in Austin. Members learned new techniques, such as computer use, graphics, layouts, photography, and importance of creativity.

Mr. James Maher and Mr. Joe Cicherski were guest speakers for the yearbook class. Mr. Maher gave a demonstration on feature writing for magazines; Mr. Cicherski gave a lecture on news writing for newspapers. Both men emphasized journalistic techniques and gave helpful hints on copy writing.

Throughout the year students

studied examples of other successful yearbooks, and examined actual layouts in magazines and newspapers to increase the staff's knowledge of print journalism. The 1986 Bear Pride Yearbook took a 2nd place in the ILPC competition, the UIL division for high school journalists.

Besides the sales of the yearbook and its advertising, the class ran a yearbook store with school supplies and at the end of the year conducted a sale of extra pictures.

The class consisted of two sophomores, seven juniors, and eight seniors. For the first time the majority of students involved with the yearbook were underclassmen.



**David Burns** is concentrating extremely hard on writing his copy. The whole staff agreed that copy was the hardest part of yearbook.

**Mrs. Lois Bigler and Kelly Mollenkopf** are sorting pictures for yearbook pages. Many pictures were taken throughout the year.





# Intermediate School



In Intermediate School one's responsibility is increased. Being in a new location made the students feel more independent, and they enjoyed being able to change classes and having different teachers.

National Junior Honor Society was added to the list of activities and honors, and with sports, band, and U.I.L., students had many opportunities for extracurricular enrichment. Life became hectic for the students as they accustomed themselves to living between the lines.

## *Between the lines*

Virginia Mendez and Amy Lubbock pause while dancing at the Cub Dance. The Cub Dance was the social event of the year for the Intermediate School. Entertainment was provided by Coach Richard Hinojosa and was enjoyed by all.



"Jr. High is very exciting and gives me more opportunities. I like the fact that it makes me feel grown up and increases my knowledge."

—Courtney Myers, Seventh



# Cubs battle way to top

Both junior high football teams fought their way to the top this year. The 7th and 8th graders met their opponents head on and emerged nearly unscathed.

Opposing teams faced a fearsome sight when they encountered the 8th grade Cubs. Roaring past competent teams, the Cubs set their sights on being District champs. The Cubs clinched District with a record of 6-1, their only defeat at the hands of the Nixon-Smiley Colts.

Clawing their way past most opponents, the 7th grade Cubs chalked up a creditable season with a record of 1-2-1. According to Coach Richard Hinojosa, "They had a promising start, but unfortunately, due to House Bill 72, we took some losses. The 7th graders were still competitive after that time."

Coaches for the teams were Mr. Richard Hinojosa and Mr. Greg Rosemeyer.



**Football players** Top Row: Ryan Trudo, Daniel Nicols, Daniel Cantu, Aaron Jachade, Nelson Minica, Walter Leslie, Oscar Gonzales, John Circherski. Second Row: Charles Wright, Shad Herron, Jeffery Miller, Jeffery Brooks, Keith Hunt, Robert Carrielo, Robert Ierien, Lyle Robbins, Ismeal Morria. Third Row: Chester Eastin, Micheal Dobbins, Manuel Lopez, Shane Land, Aurelio Blackwell, John Thompson, Billy Kaitner. Fourth Row: Cody LeSage (Mgr.), Joel Calhoun, Albert Leija, Tyson Stephens, Chris Pawlik, Raymond Shocke, Mark Armstrong, Lazaro Sanchez (Mgr.). Bottom Row: Jimmy Woerner, Chester Byrd, Frank Wallace, Daniel Sorbel, James Tanneberger, Mark Kaitner, Kevin Kretschmar, Harry Haese, Scott Scrimsher (Mgr.).



**Cubs discuss** their strategy for the second half. Talks like this led to a winning season.

**Junior High Cubs** streak down the field with the Natalia Mustangs in hot pursuit. The Cubs beat the Mustangs in the second game of the season.





Cubs drive in for another score. Natalia played well, but they were no match for the Cubs.



Waiting for the ball is Aaron Jachade. Returning kickoffs takes skill and practice, and the Cubs were adept.

Seventh graders huddle for a play under the direction of Mark Kaitner. Basics became important for the Cubs.



Sometimes things just don't go right. The Cubs fell all over themselves to rack up the wins.

Daniel Cantu sends the ball down field in the game against Poth. The Cubs didn't pass very often, but when they did, it was very effective.



EIGHTH GRADE		
Cubs	Opponent	
24	Natalia	0
38	Pettus	0
32	Karnes City	8
50	Marion	12
28	Poth	6
36	Navarro	12
0	Nixon-Smiley	14
SEVENTH GRADE		
14	Stockdale	0
0	Marion	14
0	Nixon-Smiley	14
6	Stockdale	6

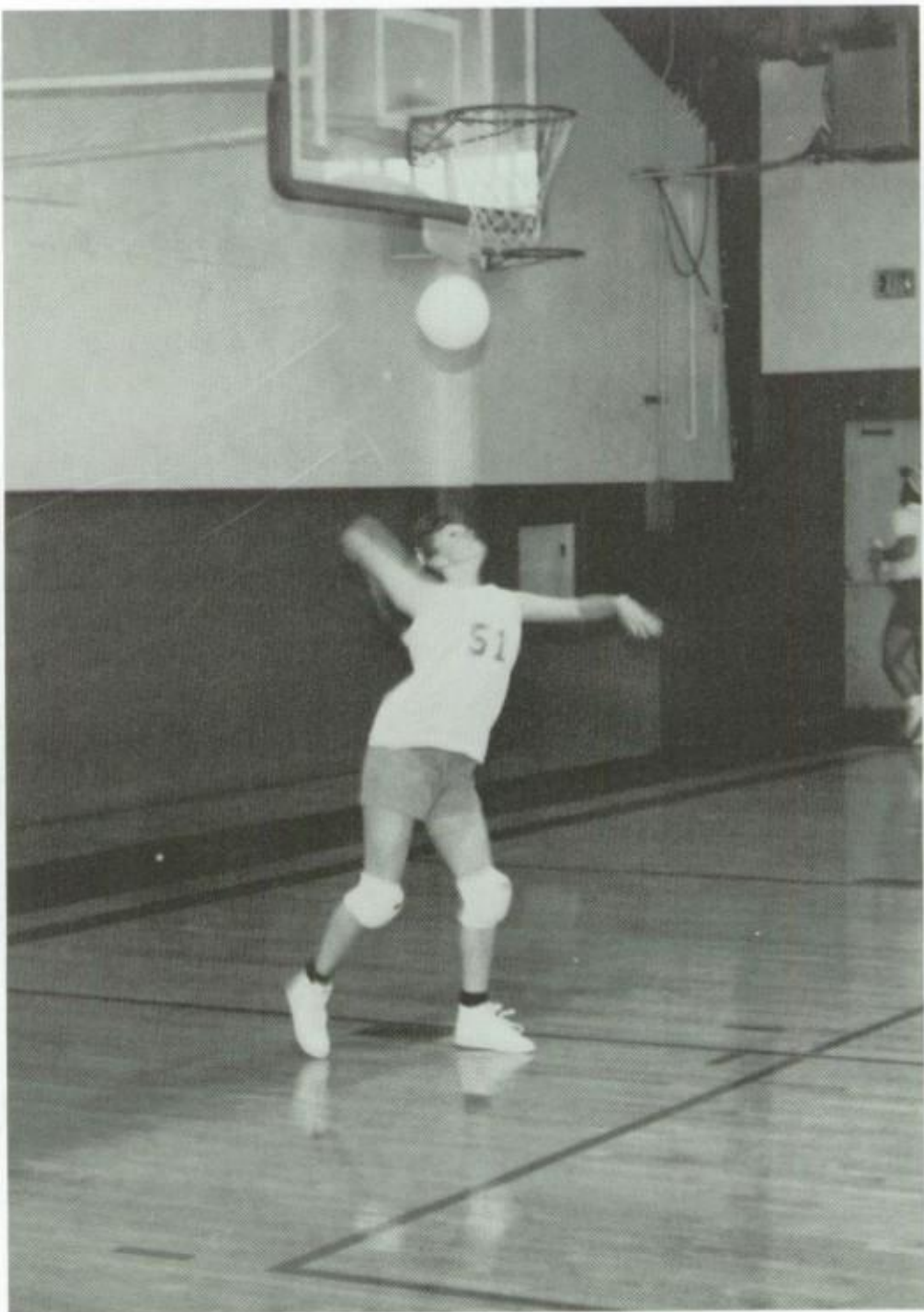
Coach Richard Hinojosa gives the 7th graders some advice. Listening to Coach Hinojosa enabled the Cubs to chalk up a record of 1-2-1.





EIGHTH GRADE			
Cubs		Opponents	
15,13,15	Pettus	7,15,5	
15,11,10	Marion	12,15,15	
15,12,15	Navarro	4,15,8	
11,17,9	Nixon-		
	Smiley	15,15,15	
15,15	Poth	11,10	
15,11,14	Stockdale	7,15,16	
SEVENTH GRADE			
15,12,0	Pettus	11,15,15	
14,9	Marion	16,15	
7,6	Navarro	15,15	
3,4	Nixon-		
	Smiley	15,15	
3,13	Poth	15,15	
	Stockdale	Forfeit	

Amy Lubbock serves the ball to start another game. The talented 7th graders worked hard to be competitive.



Eighth graders await the start of another volley. Being nervous was part of the game.



Coach Holly Holbrook discusses plans with the 8th grade during a break in the action.



Jennifer Stuart pops the ball up and over in this intramural game. Such games provided practice for both teams.



# Cubs gain experience



Jennifer Stuart makes a play while Isabel Ybarra looks on anxiously. Every play was important in every game.

"It was a very long season," commented Coach Holly Holbrook. That was an accurate assessment of the 7th and 8th grade volleyball season.

Despite the fact that the 7th grade steadily improved, they had a record of only 2 wins and 4 losses. Although they faced fierce

competition, every one of the 30 players got some playing time.

"Even the 8th grade progressed by using more advanced methods," stated Coach Holbrook. With a record of 3 wins and 3 losses the talented 8th graders proved to be difficult to beat.



**Seventh Grade Volleyball players:** Top Row: Coach Holly Holbrook, Melissa Getts, Misty Ferrell, Cindy Baker, Shannon McGee, Suzie Marckwardt. Second Row: Darlene Beran, Jennifer Haese, Tiffany Bordner, Christina Bowen, Reba Cooper, Laura Poppelwell. Third Row: Cody Brewton, Virginia Mendez, Jessica Green, Vanessa Haese, Tracey Edinburn, Christine Young. Fourth Row: Kris Jandt, Kristie Moore, Delores Johnson, Carrey Adams, Rhonda Barnhardt, Cambri Pellerin, Melody Fey, Stacey Klaus. Fifth Row: Kristy Kosub, Heather Cheatwood, Jennifer Clarner, Amy Wehmeyer, Amy Lubbock, Patricia Shelley, Amanda Shank, Tresha Thompson.



**Eighth Grade Volleyball players:** Top Row: Coach Holly Holbrook, Angela Garcia, Jennifer Wootan, Christie Robbins. Second Row: Isabel Ybarra, Cheryl Whitecotten, Shannon Kavanaugh, Letha Leslie, Kathy Perkins. Third Row: Jennifer Edwards, Yvette Grier, Melinda Church, Jennifer Stuart, Valerie Swize. Fourth Row: Mary Ann John, Lacey Dieckow, Karin Strey, Lori Lock, Jana Arnold.



# Cubs show potential

The 7th grade boys basketball team played well for their first year on the court. The team had an overall record of 2-7 and a zone record of 1-5. Their dedication to practice and team work guarantees a better season next year.

The 8th grade boys basketball team had an excellent season. The boys set a record of four 3-point shots in one game and were named zone champions with a record of 5-1 and an overall record of 7-4.



**Seventh Grade Basketball players:** Top Row: James Tanneberger, Mark Armstrong, Kelly Turner, Stuart Minica, Shane Land, Warren Hummel, Adam Zastawski, Chris Freeman, Chris Pawlik, Joel Calhoun, and Tyson Stephens. Bottom Row: Harry Haese, Tom Allen, Frank Wallace, Mark Kaitner, Kevin Kretzschmar, Chester Byrd, Donald Cover, and Yankton Wyatt.



**Eighth Grade Basketball players:** Top Row: Shad Herron, Robert Roath, Oscar Gonzales, Nathan Ramos, Nelson Minica, Danny Nichols, Daniel Cantu, Aaron Jahade, Keith Hunt, and Jeff Brooks. Bottom Row: Chet Eastin, Scott Scrimpsheer, Lyle Robbins, Billy Kaitner, and John Thompson.



The Cubs scramble with the Non-Smiley Colts to rebound the ball. Warren Hummel got the ball and moved it down the court.





**Coach Richard Hinojosa** gives information to the 7th grade team during a time out. The Nixon-Smiley game was one of the toughest this season.



**Mark Kaitner**, number 33, tries to prevent a Nixon-Smiley Colt from scoring. Quick moves kept the Cubs alert.

#### JUNIOR HIGH BOYS BASKETBALL SEVENTH GRADE

Cubs	Opponent	
16	Jourdanton	20
22	Floresville	40
30	Stockdale	24
32	Navarro	18
11	Marion	30
24	Nixon-Smiley	37
16	Navarro	25
36	Marion	49
23	Nixon-Smiley	40

#### EIGHTH GRADE

45	Jourdanton	27
25	Floresville	28
26	Stockdale	12
33	Navarro	20
39	Marion	35
30	Nixon-Smiley	23
34	Navarro	21
28	Marion	32
28	Poth	55
32	Falls City	33
47	Nixon-Smiley	35



**Harry Haese** tries to escape the crowd of players. Harry passed off to Shane Land to move the ball down the court.

The crowd watches on as James Tanneberger blocks number 43's moves. A strong effort from the La Vernia team prevented the Nixon-Smiley team from reaching the basket several times.



**Warren Hummel** goes for the ball as number 25 shoots. Lots of action took place under the basket.



Seventh Grade  
Girls Basketball

Cubs	Opponent	
33	Navarro	11
12	Marion	26
11	Nixon-Smiley	16

Eighth Grade  
Girls Basketball

Cubs	Opponent	
28	Navarro	23
21	Marion	26
12	Nixon-Smiley	42

**Eighth Grade Girls Basketball:** Top Row: Coach Holly Holbrook, Letha Leslie, Jennifer Wootan, Katrina Hartwick, Jennifer Stuart. Second Row: Melinda Church, Yvette Grier, Kathy Perkins, Christie Robbins, Lacy Dieckow, Jennifer Edwards; Third Row: Mary Johnson, Jana Arnold, Karin Strey, Valerie Swize, Lori Lock, Charlene Meyer, Shannon Kavanaugh.



**Amanda Shank** uses her defensive skills to block her opponent. Practice was limited to class time.



**Bobbling the ball,** Lori Lock attempts to get the team momentum flowing. The Cubs put up an extraordinary fight, but couldn't match the skills of their opponent, Jourdanton.



**Jennifer Edwards** throws the ball to Karin Strey. Aggressiveness was a desired quality for the sport of basketball.



**Every point counts.** Christie Robbins prepared to shoot one and one.





# Players make progress



Participating in the athletics program for the first time, the 7th grade girls basketball team learned what it is to work together. By the end of the season, progress had been made, and improved team effort was evident, according to Coach Holly Holbrook. The 8th grade team also increased its teamwork, as well as basketball skills.

Playing time in all games was equally distributed among the players,

giving every girl an equal chance to play.

Both the 7th and 8th grade girls basketball teams were very disappointed in the few number of games they played, but it was inevitable with all the cancellations that were made. The teams that they competed against were Navarro, Marion and Nixon-Smiley, and both La Vernia squads had identical 1-2 records in district.

**Warming the bench** is Charlene Meyers. Giving every girl a chance to play meant that all players had to warm the bench at one time or another.



**Seventh Grade Girls Basketball:** Top Row: Stacey Klaus, Melissa Getts, Christina Bowen, Vanessa Haese, Mona Lopez, Maria Navarro, Veronique Cervantes, Nichole Cochran, Coach Holly Holbrook; Second Row: Misty Ferrell, Tracey Edenburn, Christine Young, Tresha Thompson, Sandra Winkler, Honey McKenzie, Darlene Beran, Cody Brewton; Third Row: Kristy Kosub, Amy Lubbock, Virginia Mendez, Jessica Green, Krissy Jandt, Shannon McGee, Amanda Shank, Cambri Pellerin, Tiffany Bordner.



Participating the "swish" is Cambri Byrd. These girls lost to Ardanton 8-12 in tournament play.

A fast break is a key to a victory. Karin Strey shows readiness as Christie Robbins sets the pace.





# Teams break school records

The junior high track teams did outstandingly well at the track meets in which they participated. The list of achievements that the Cubs earned are as follows: champions at the Marion Lions Club Relays, runners-up at the District 31-AA meets in La Vernia, Marion, Stockdale and Medina Valley.

During their victorious winning streak, the Cubs

broke 11 school records, nine in the eighth grade and two in the seventh grade.

Coach Richard Hinojosa and Coach Holly Holbrook took on a great challenge to make the junior high track teams the best that they could be. The track teams did just that by working harder than ever to win every meet.



**Robert Carriello and Billy Kaitner** struggle to win the race. Hard work and determination were a part of their daily routine.



**7th Grade Boys.** Top Row: Stuart Minica, Manuel Lopez, Armando Morales, Lazaro Sanchez, Warren Hummel, Shane Land, Aurelio Blackwell, and Troy Morrison. Second Row: Mark Armstrong, Kelly Turner, Albert Leija, Chris Pawlik, Eddy Pate, Matt Howell, Daniel Mendez, and James Tanneberger. Third Row: Jimmy Jenkins, Harry Haese, Mark Kaitner, Frank Wallace, Kevin Kretzschmar, Don Cover, and Yankton Wyatt.



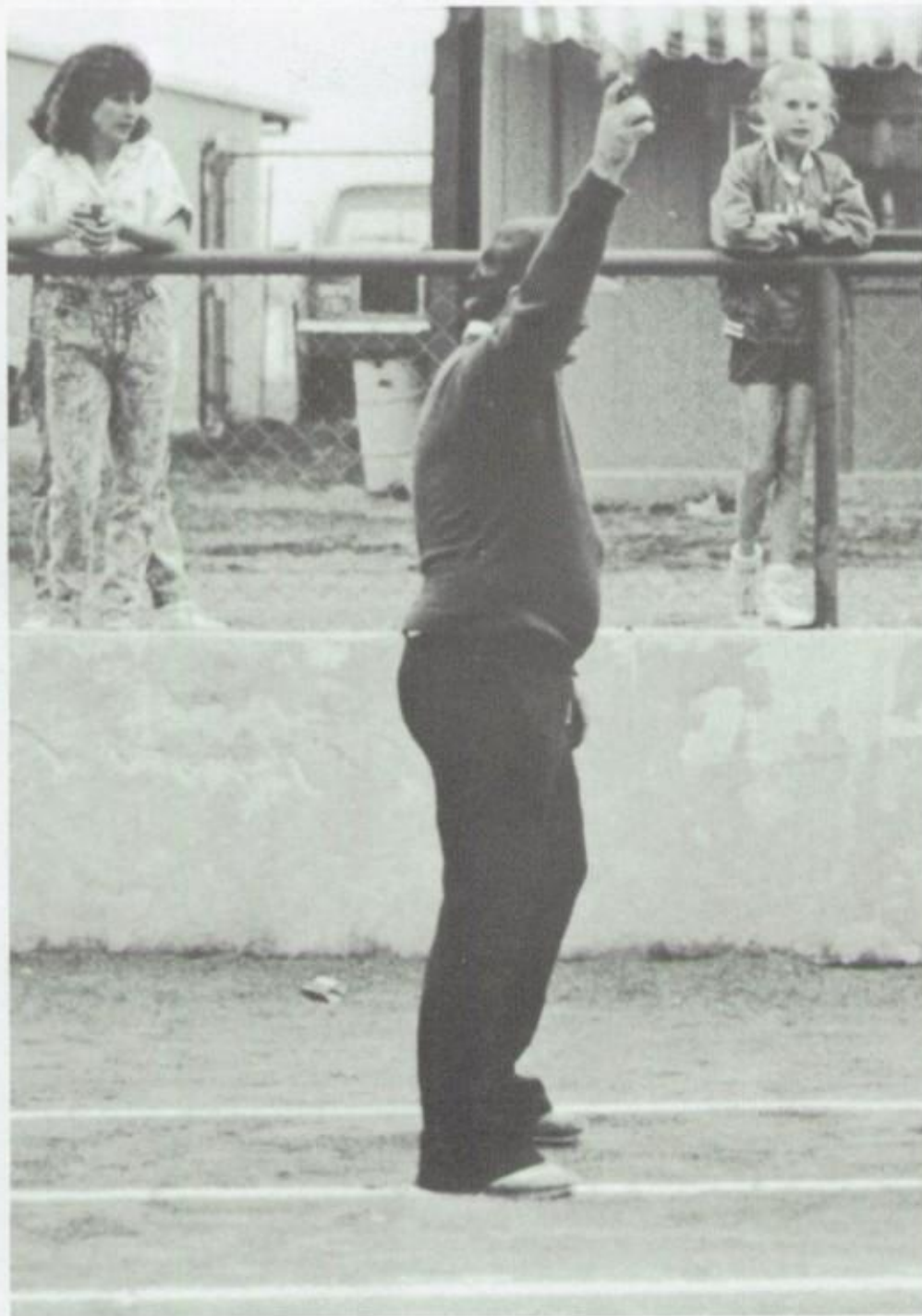
**7th Grade Girls.** Top Row: Honey McKenzie, Shannon McGee, Anna da Shank, Tresha Thompson, Heather Cheatwood, Rhonda Barnhardt, Amy Lubbock, Tracy Ball and Reba Cooper. Second Row: Coach Holly Holbrook, Vanessa Haese, Christine Young, Del Johnson, Krissy Jandt, Jessica Green, Christina Bowen and Car Pellerin. Third Row: Carrey Adams, Amy Wehmeyer, Stacey Kl Tracy Edenburn, Virginia Mendez, Darlene Beran and Melody F.



he La Vernia Cubs listen attentively for placement on the starting line. The Cubs were a very competitive team.



**Mr. Paul Kalkwarf** fires the gun for the race to begin. Local coaches helped officiate the La Vernia Track Meet.



**Giving it all he's got**, Manuel Lopez races to the finish line. Pacing his stride was an important factor in the race.



**Tracy Ball and Virginia Mendez** compete with pride and skill as the race progresses. Many hours of hard work led the Cubs to a winning season.



**8th Grade Boys.** Top Row: Michael Pacheco, Nathan Ramos, Danny Nichols, John Cicherski, Nelson Minica, Donnie Kotzur, Ryan Trudo, Oscar Gonzalez, Richard Church and Robert Ierien. Second Row: Daniel Cantu, Aaron Jachade, Robert Roath, Stanley Dermont, Keith Hunt, Robert Carriello, Charles Wright and Lyle Robbins. Third Row: Coach Richard Hinojosa, John Thompson, Jeff Miller, Shad Herron, Billy Kaitner, Jeff Brooks and Walter Leslie.



**8th Grade Girls.** Top Row: Coach Holly Holbrook, Jennifer Wootan, Mary John and Jennifer Edwards. Second Row: Katrina Hartwick, Letha Leslie, Christie Robbins, Kathy Perkins, Charlene Meyers and Lacy Dieckow. Third Row: Jennifer Stuart, Shannon Kavanaugh, Valerie Swize, Karin Strey and Melinda Church.

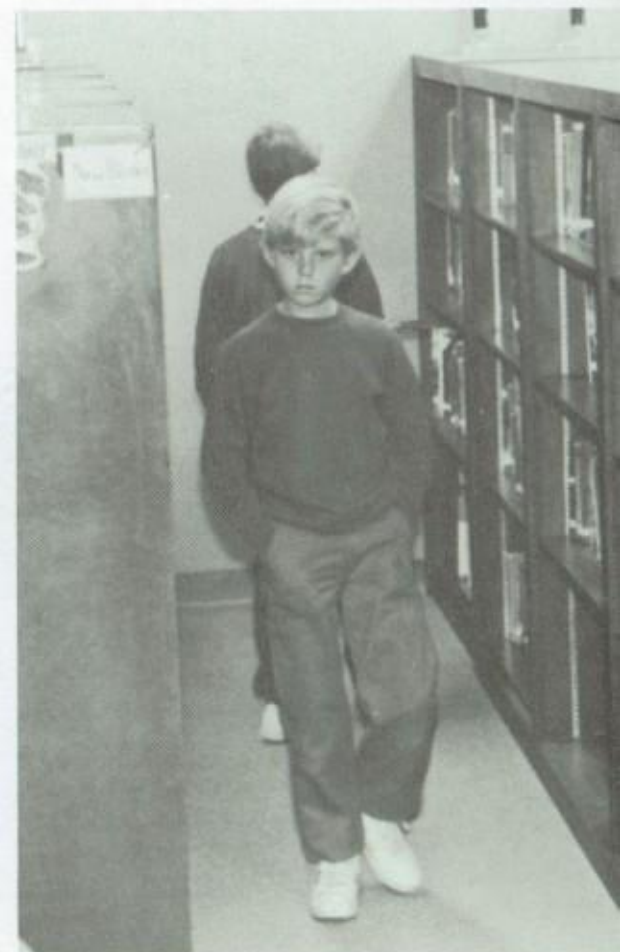


Sixth graders sit up and take notice as the photographer snaps their picture. Sixth graders worked hard but they also managed to enjoy themselves.

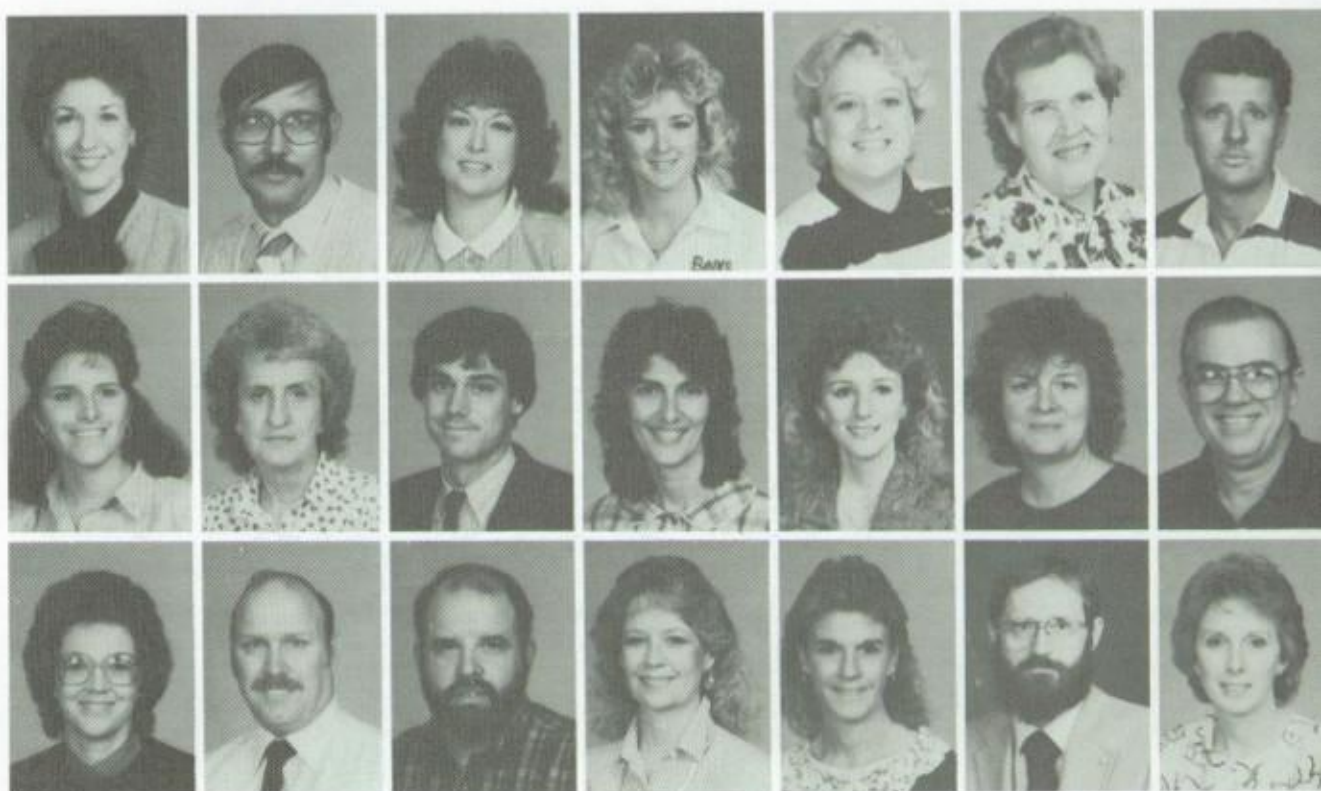


Nathan Dirks thinks the library is the perfect hangout. Students often used the library when working on reports or just for pleasure.

Mr. Woodrow Renwick gets Jose Gonzalez and Mark Brown involved in building picnic tables. These tables were a source of great pride throughout the intermediate school.



Bonnie Cervanka librarian, cafeteria  
 Edgar Gutz math  
 Connie Hall fifth grade  
 Robin Harborth physical education, history  
 Roxanne Heckmann band, music  
 Joan Himmel librarian  
 Richard Hinojosa physical education, history, athletics  
 Holly Holbrook athletics, health, science  
 Mildred Hollan science  
 Robert Hrechko English, math  
 Karen Huff reading, reading improvement  
 Lydia Kubena physical education, science  
 Gloria Lange fifth grade  
 Tom Lawrence fifth grade  
 Theresa Lowak special education  
 Donnie McCarter resource  
 Woodrow Renwick resource  
 Martha Shank English  
 Melanie Walpole computer literacy, math  
 Jerome Wolfe reading, art  
 Cheryl Young history



Paul Kalkwarf principal  
 Adela Rodriguez secretary





# Students beautify campus



Mr. Paul Kalkwarf feels that his students have reacted favorably to the many changes that have been made in the Intermediate School. The students have developed a sense of pride in their "new" campus.

"Last year we were still an off-shoot of the high school. Now the students feel that this is their campus," said Mr. Kalkwarf. Everyone is proud of the improvements that have been made. Flowers have been planted, and new picnic tables have been installed in front of the school.

Mr. Kalkwarf believes that everyone has been deeply involved in the education process. "Due to good communication between teachers, students, and parents we have been able to smooth the process and catch any problems as they started to develop."

There are plans to add classrooms and cafeteria space as the student body continues to grow. An increase in the number of staff members is foreseen.

"All in all it was a very good year due to the efforts of the talented staff and the students themselves," stated Mr. Kalkwarf.



Mrs. Connie Hall, Jonathan Armstrong, and Colby Stoevers discuss a question. Fifth graders were industrious.



Seventh grade science students Cindy Baker and Karen Brown write up notes for a class project. Paper work was an important part of the class.

## INTERMEDIATE STUDENT PREFERENCES

### Favorite Songs

Rock: I Think We're Alone Now  
Country: All My Exs Live In Texas

### Favorite Tennis Shoe

Reebok

### Favorite Television Show

1. Growing Pains
2. The Cosby Show

### Favorite Movie

Three Men And a Baby

### Favorite Pastime

Sports



# Students have active year

Intermediate students were involved in various activities throughout the year. A new organization was started and other organizations gained momentum.

The National Junior Honor Society was started, and 23 high caliber students were inducted. The band won sweepstakes at their concert and sightreading contest. U.I.L. participants successfully represented their school at the meet held in Nixon-Smiley.

Cheerleaders logged many hours in support of their teams, and the pep squad was responsible for a large part of the cheering at football games.

Student organizations were a focal point of the school year in the Intermediate School.

**Shane Land and Caren Brownen** enjoy a slow dance at the Cub Dance. The Cub Dance was an annual event in the intermediate school.



**Junior High UIL participants:** Top Row: Heather McVea, Sandra Winkler, Mary John, Shane Land, Amy Wehmeyer, Margie Zigmond, Melanie Shank, Stacey Klaus, Oscar Gonzalez, Robert Ierien, Amanda Shank, Kristy Kosub; Second Row: Pete Huckelba, Kelly Turner, Shelly Dieckow, Sarah Mendez, Aimee Kolodziej, Jennifer Cheatwood, Jennifer Clarnier, Suzanne Marckwardt; Third Row: Denise Davila, Holly Wyatt, Jennifer Ramos, Robert Hons, Freddy Rakowitz, Heather Cheatwood, Courtney Myers, Joel Calhoun; Fourth Row: Destiny Strachan, Jeff Scrimsher, Debbie Stanush, Donnie Jurek, Jason Duelm, Kevin Kretschmar, Molly Lubbock, April Bongiovi, Leslie Speikes, Michelle Hime; Bottom Row: Clint Cover, Don Cover, Yankton Wyatt, Colby Stoeber, Thad Via, James Rodriguez.



**Pep squad girls cheer** their team on to victory. These girls never failed to cheer in spite of the weather or the score.





**National Junior Honor Society:** Top Row: Kelly Turner, Oscar Gonzalez, Nelson Minica, Mary John, Kristy Kosub, Christine Young; Second Row: Karin Strey, Julie King, Sandra Winkler, Amanda Shank, Tresha Thompson, Joel Calhoun, Frank Wallace, James Tannenburger; Bottom Row: Don Cover, Kevin Kretzschmar, Heather Cheatwood, Courtni Myers, Suzanne Marckwardt, Jennifer Clarner, Wanda Curry Not Pictured: Shane Land, Chet Williams.



**Band members participate** in a pep rally. The band was instrumental in getting the team ready to play.

**Mrs. Martha Shank and Mr. Robert Hrechko** generate interest in William Shakespeare's works. They dressed in Elizabethan costumes to give students a better perspective of the time period.



**Cheerleaders perform** a difficult maneuver during halftime. The girls fused their spirit and athletic abilities to entertain the crowds and team.



**Preparing for their next cheer**, the girls wait at the edge of the field. The girls' enthusiasm quickly spread to the crowd, who cheered from beginning to end.



Jana Arnold  
 Jeffrey Brooks  
 Cathy Browen  
 Jennifer Burks  
 Daniel Cantu  
 Melinda Church

Richard Church  
 John Cicherski  
 Robert Carriello  
 Kandi Collins  
 Stanley Dermont  
 Lacy Dieckow

Shane Driscoll  
 Chester Eastin  
 Jennifer Edwards  
 Angelica Garcia  
 Jose Gonzalez  
 Oscar Gonzalez

Emily Gray  
 Yvette Grier  
 Katrina Hartwick  
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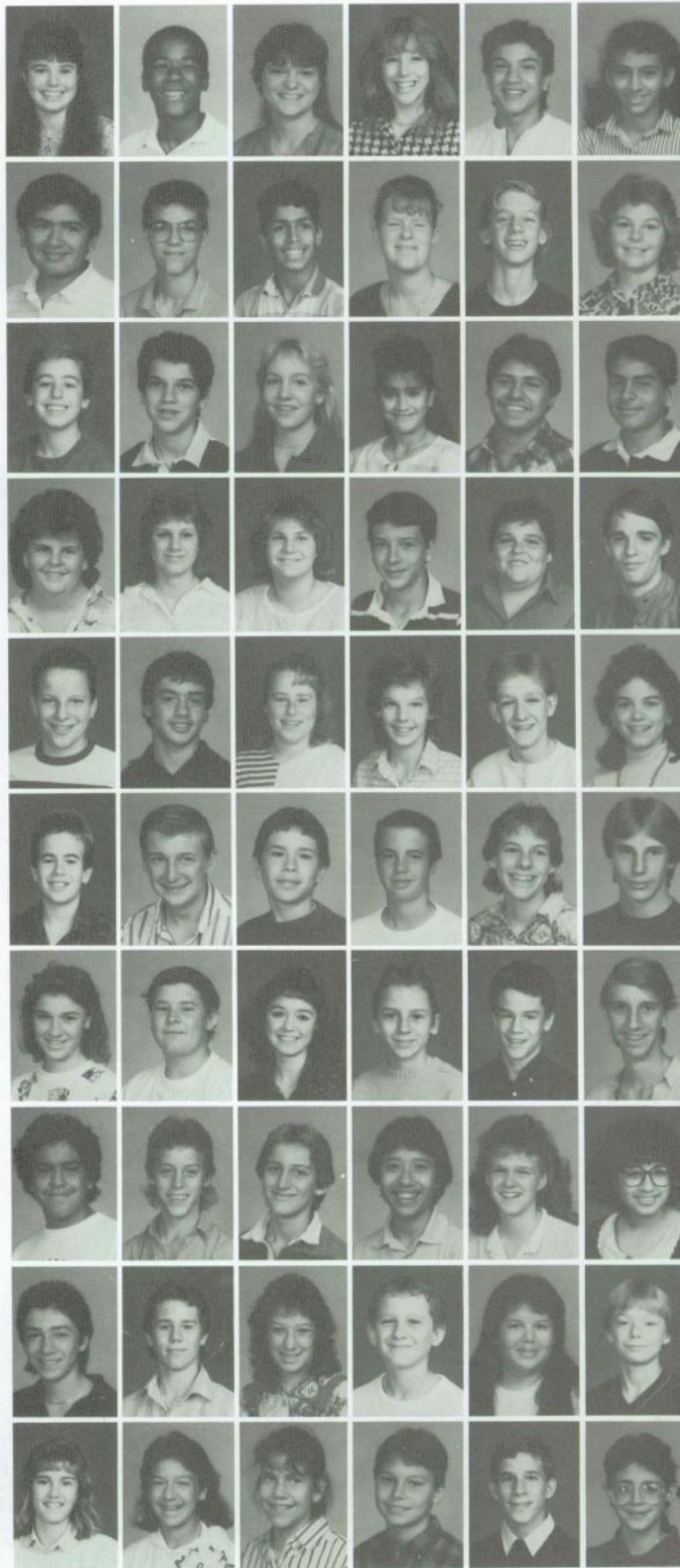
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 Nelson Minica  
 Jimmie Mollenkopf

Daniel Morales  
 John Muzny  
 Daniel Nichols  
 Michael Pacheco  
 Kathy Perkins  
 Toby Puentes

Nathan Ramos  
 Robert Roath  
 Christie Robbins  
 Lyle Robbins  
 Juanita Sanchez  
 Scott Scrimsher

Karin Strey  
 Jennifer Stuart  
 Valerie Swize  
 John Thompson  
 Ryan Trudo  
 Stefanie Wagner







**John Muzny** concentrates on an assignment for Mrs. Martha Shank, but Keith Hunt doesn't seem too worried about it. These students were in Mrs. Shank's seventh period English class.

**Christie Robbins** seems disgusted with her assignment for Mrs. Karen Huff's reading class. Mrs. Huff taught seventh and eighth grade reading classes.



## Athletic stars begin to shine

"Energetic" is how Mrs. Martha Shank described her pupils. And indeed, they shone in the sports world.

The boys were football co-champions and basketball zone champions. Many eighth graders had successful track seasons.

Danny Nichols and Karin Strey were Halloween King and Queen. The eighth grade class took a field trip to Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos to see a play.

Shad Herron described his fellow students as "awesome!"

**Lyle Robbins** shows which school he likes in the ongoing battle of UT and Texas A&M. Students continually argued about which school was better.

# EIGHTH



Cheryl Whitecotton  
Jennifer Wootan  
Thomas Wright  
Isabel Ybarra



**Coaches Richard Hinojosa** and Greg Rosemeyer instruct their eighth grade football team during a time-out. The eighth grade team was district co-champs.



## Class sets goals

"Extremely hard working and talented," stated Mrs. Kyle Friesenhahn, when asked to comment on the seventh grade. Emily Dunaway was far more open when she said "radical."

This year in sports was mainly a learning experience for the seventh grade. For the first time they competed as teams against other schools.

Mary Kaitner and Vanessa Haese were Halloween King and Queen. The seventh grade went with the eighth grade to Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos to experience live theater.

Tracy Ball stops to rest during class. Seventh graders worked diligently for long hours.



Chester Byrd and Jimmy Jenkins smile for the camera in Mrs. Karen Huff's reading class. Chester and Jimmy were two of many seventh graders taught by Mrs. Huff.



Amy Lubbock excites the crowd at a junior high football game. Amy was one of six cheerleaders for the Cubs.



# SEVENTH

Carrey Adams  
Tom Allen  
Mark Armstrong  
Cindy Baker  
Tracey Ball  
Rhonda Barnhardt  
Willie Barthold

John Becka  
Darlene Beran  
Aurelio Blackwell  
Tiffany Bordner  
Jessica Boutwell  
Christina Bowen  
Cody Brewton

Caren Browen  
William Browning  
Sheila Bryan  
Joel Calhoun  
Veronique Cervantes  
Heather Cheatwood  
Jennifer Clarner







Nichole Cochran  
Reba Cooper  
Don Cover  
Wanda Curry  
Spencer Davis  
Michael Dobbins  
Emily Dunaway

Tracey Edenburn  
Misty Ferrell  
Melody Fey  
Chris Freeman  
Melissa Getts  
Randy Goodale  
Jessica Green

Harry Haese  
Jennifer Haese  
Vanessa Haese  
Timothy Hartwick  
Warren Hummel  
Krissy Jandt  
Jimmy Jenkins

Delores Johnson  
Mark Kaitner  
Julie King  
Stacey Klaus  
Kevin Kretzschmar  
Shane Land  
Albert Leija

Marisela Leija  
Manuel Lopez  
Mona Lopez  
Amy Lubbock  
Shawn Maley  
Suzanne Marckwardt  
Martha Marrujo

Edward Martinez  
Michelle Martinez  
Shannon McGee  
Honey McKenzie  
Daniel Mendez  
Virginia Mendez  
Stuart Minica

Christy Moore  
Ismael Mora  
Armando Morales  
Troy Morrison  
Courtnei Myers  
Maria Navarro  
Eddy Pate

Chris Pawlik  
Cambri Pellerin  
Gary Ramsey  
Lazaro Sanchez  
Lori Sax  
Raymond Schocke  
Michael Seifert

Amanda Shank  
Danny Sorbel  
Tyson Stephens  
James Tanneberger  
Tresha Thompson  
Kelly Turner  
Frank Wallace

Jennifer Wallace  
Amy Wehmeyer  
Sandra Winkler  
Cecil Worthey  
Yankton Wyatt  
Christine Young  
Adam Zastawski



Shannon Barden  
James Bierstedt  
Elizabeth Blakely  
Casey Brewton  
Tanya Brooks  
Mark Brown

Kristina Calton  
Corry Carter  
Maggie Church  
Derek Cope  
Raylene Cotter  
Christina Craig

Brijida DeHoyos  
Nathan Dirks  
Russell Doege  
Leslie Dugi  
William Dylla  
Kenny Drzymalla

Shelley Edenburn  
Chelsea Edwards  
Leslie Evans  
Meredith Evans  
Erica Franckowiak  
John Freeman

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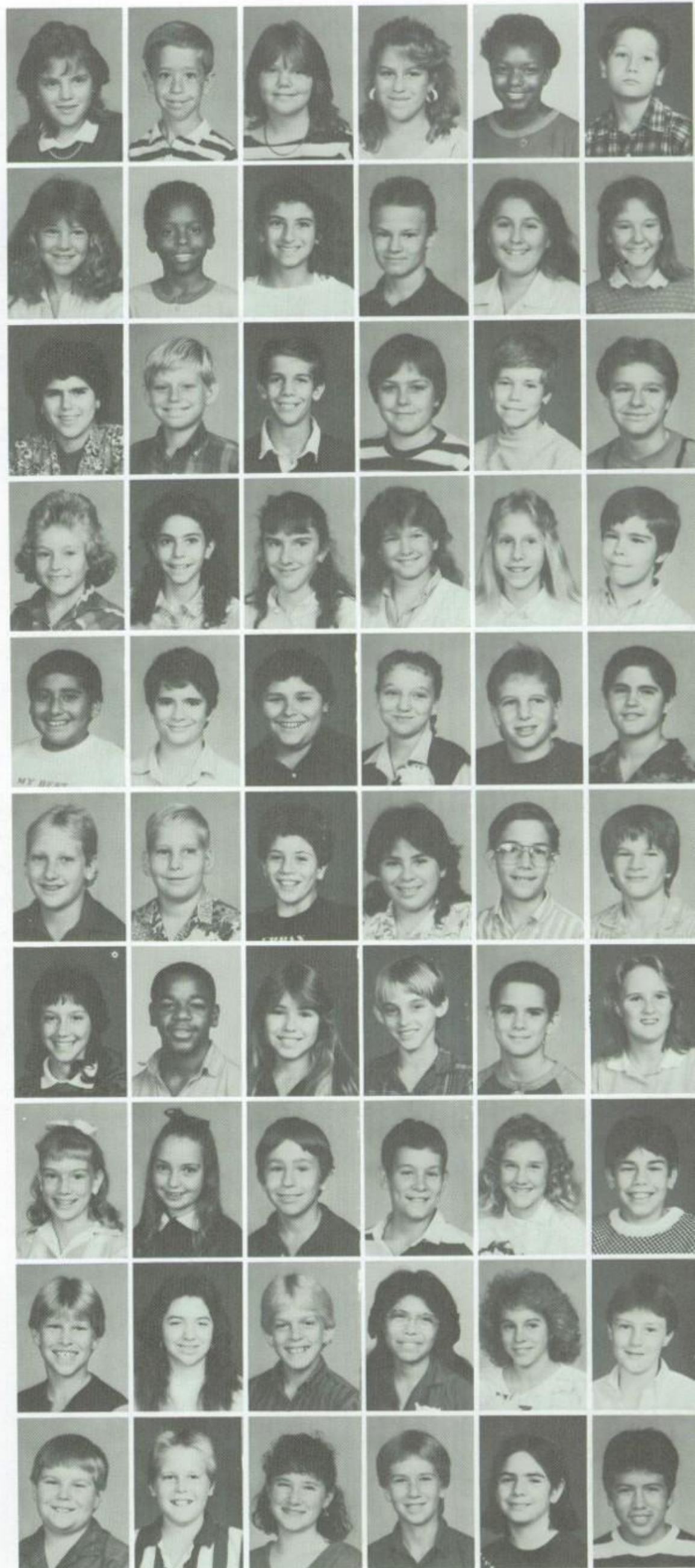
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David Kasparian  
Cody Kavanaugh  
Kimberly Knight

Aimee Kolodziej  
Courtney Kosub  
Aaron Kowalik  
Wes Lange  
Jamie Leonard  
Joshua Martin

Timothy McClendon  
Melissa McKnight  
Jason McReynolds  
Sarah Mendez  
Heather Miller  
Matthew Moore

Troy Owen  
Andy Pate  
Heather Presley  
Freddy Rakowitz  
Michele Ramos  
Hector Sanchez





Bradley Gauthier helps put together a picnic table. Tables were set up for the intermediate school students to picnic outdoors.



Frank Sills shares his book with Wade Gulle during their homework. John Freeman, Robert Hons, and Joe Hajek were working hard on their assignments.



## Class rises to challenges

The sixth grade looks forward to playing sports and doing more activities in the upcoming years. They learned the basics of competitive sports throughout the year. The sixth graders were an academically competitive group as well.

"The sixth graders are a very challenging group. They can be fun, and I like working with them," stated Mrs. Roxanne Heckman, band and music teacher.

The class took a field trip to Austin on May 3. They toured the Capitol and saw the Texas Legislature at work.

The sixth graders work diligently on their homework. This was their first year of changing classrooms and teachers.

# SIXTH



Michael Schmidt  
Sherry Schnitz  
Charles Seifert  
Melanie Shank

Kristi Shedrock  
Michael Shelly  
Frank Sills  
Shannon Titzman

Tracy Turnbow  
Judy Vader  
Loretta Walpole  
Margie Zigmond

Not pictured:  
Patrick Fimple  
Noel Garcia



## Fifth becomes more responsible

The adjustment time which the fifth graders have experienced was a very difficult period in their lives.

Upon entering the intermediate school the fifth graders faced new personal responsibilities and changes. They were assigned lockers, and they moved from teacher to teacher throughout the day. Academic work became more difficult with homework assigned regularly.

Fifth graders could join band for the first time, and UIL competitions became important.

Notable academic accomplishments were the memorization of the states and capitals and learning to count in Spanish and German.

Mr. Tom Lawrence's reading class enjoys the break from their school work. Within one class period a variety of subjects was taught.

While puzzling over the answer, Donnie Schroeder makes himself comfortable. Spelling tests were a part of their weekly assignments.



Intent on winning, Ryan Dever races to finish the problem. Multiplication was one of the many skills which the fifth grade had to learn.



# FIFTH

Jonathon Armstrong  
Janelle Barnhardt  
Michael Blakely  
April Bonjiovi  
Stephen Bowman  
John Chadwick

Jennifer Cheatwood  
Cody Chiappine  
Summer Clark  
Michelle Conger  
Clint Cover  
Melissa Craig  
Brad Worthey



Not pictured  
Sara Guajardo





Denise Davila  
Jason Dever  
Ryan Dever  
Shelly Dieckow  
Jason Duelm  
Kevin Dugi

Kimberly Eastham  
Donald Fey  
Jason Fletcher  
Mike Freeman  
Tonya Gibson  
Jenni Gimbel

Kristi Haynes  
Hunter Hild  
Michelle Hime  
Samuel Jacob  
Robert John  
Brandi Johnson

Johnny Johnson  
Donnie Jurek  
John Kelly  
Sean Koehler  
Jennifer Kosub  
Pepper Kramer

Brett LeSage  
Timmy Lett  
Molly Lubbock  
Christine Lucas  
Arthur Markgraf  
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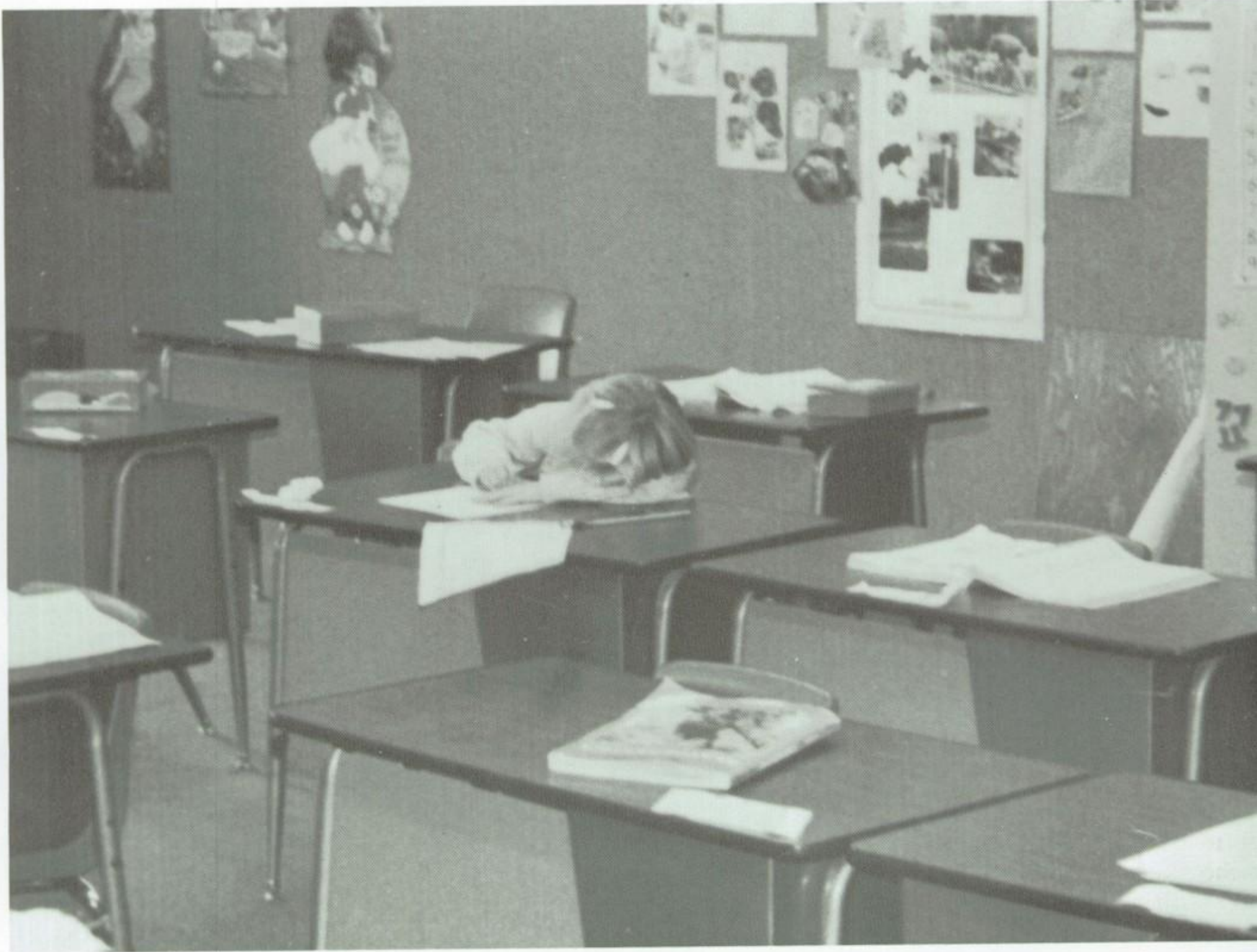
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James Rodriguez  
Hope Romines  
Shawn Roseland

Cheryl Rutledge  
Amy Schoenfeldt  
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Jeffrey Scrimsher  
John Scull

Peter Sheffield  
Joe Simeone  
Leslie Speikes  
Debbie Stanush  
Colby Stoevers  
Destiny Strachan

Thad Via  
William Wahrmond  
James Wheatley  
Holly Wyatt  
Frances Ybarra  
Edward Zuniga





# Elementary School



Elementary School is the **starting line** for children in American society. For the first time each child assumes responsibility for his actions and is judged by his behavior and performance.

Everyday the children of La Brea put it "all on the line" trying to cope and achieve. Their teachers advise and direct their paths with many long-range goals in mind.

## *The Starting Line*

Kim Perry is working diligently in her mathematics book. Kim voluntarily stayed behind in Mrs. Wadlington's first grade class to complete an assignment while her classmates were at recess.



"The best thing about school is learning."

— Joshua Schulz,  
Kindergarten



# Adults lend direction

"Elementary school is the beginning. The foundation is being laid for academic success. Students look forward to the days when they can participate in some of the extracurricular activities," was Principal Marie Gerlich's attitude toward the advancement of the elementary students. Mrs. Gerlich is proud of the qualified instructors who understand the importance of a good beginning.

The multi-handicapped class, taught by Mr. Dave Medlin, learned reading skills and used objects instead of pictures. Mr. Medlin commented, "Twenty years ago, the kids would not have been in the classroom. The human race has come a long way in accepting them."

**Mrs. Laura Ramzinski** instructs students in the methods of a computer. Mrs. Ramzinski assisted the elementary staff in any way possible.



**Marie Gerlich**, principal  
**Diane Marsh**, secretary  
**Cathy McWhorter**, special education aide  
**Janis Moore**, special education



**Mrs. Mary Zigmond** measures medicine in the nurse's facilities. Mrs. Zigmond assisted Rhonda Broll in physical education activities.



**Dressed for the holidays** is Mrs. Sharo Wootan. Mrs. Wootan was a teacher's aide at the elementary school.





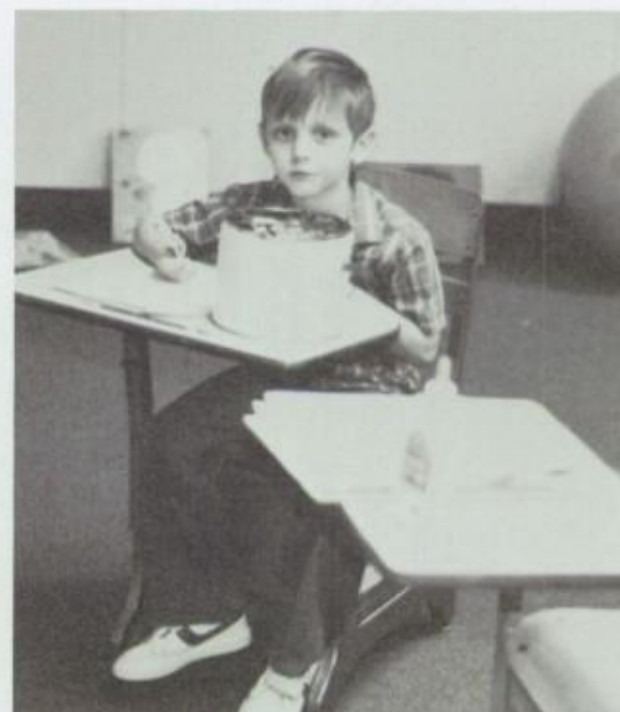
**Mrs. Kasey Dickson tests Stacye Rohrbough for hearing deficiencies.** Mrs. Dickson, the school nurse, attended to ailing students from all three campuses.

**Principal Marie Gerlich pauses to work with her students.** Corey Trimeyer and Lawrence Roberts were attentive students.



**John Gitchel wonders what to do next.** John was one of the more energetic of Mr. Dave Medlin's students.

**Mr. Dave Medlin and Tammy Lauderdale certainly enjoy their time together.** Tammy was one of Mr. Medlin's many students.





Kimberly Cervanka and Shelley Richter pose with the Christmas tree in the cafeteria. The whole elementary school got into the Christmas spirit by making ornaments for the tree.

Brian Van Pelt and Michael Adkins entertain themselves during recess. Fourth grade had the last lunch period of the day.



Brandon Brisco and John Fimple are learning important skills in Mrs. Jan Moore's class. Listening skills were stressed all year.



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# Students enjoy varied activities



Learning the basics — reading, writing, and arithmetic — kept the industrious elementary students busy. The students participated in many activities this year when they put their best on the line. They practiced and prepared for the UIL tournament in April. Along with the rest of the district, the elementary school took achievement and T.E.A.M.S. tests.

As well as academic studies, elementary students had many special events like field trips when the children forgot the classrooms for awhile.

“The students understand they must do their best to widen their opportunities as they continue in school,” said Mrs. Marie Gerlich, principal. Laying a solid foundation was the goal of the elementary school staff.

Amanda Grun and Crystal Wieding enjoy the blocks. Play was an important part of kindergarten's day.



Dawn Coulter and Molly Robbins are dressed for Halloween. The elementary school had contests to determine who had the best costumes.

The “California Raisins” are really the elementary staff in disguise. Rhonda Broll and Sharon McGee came up with the idea of entertaining the crowd.

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## Adjustments handled well

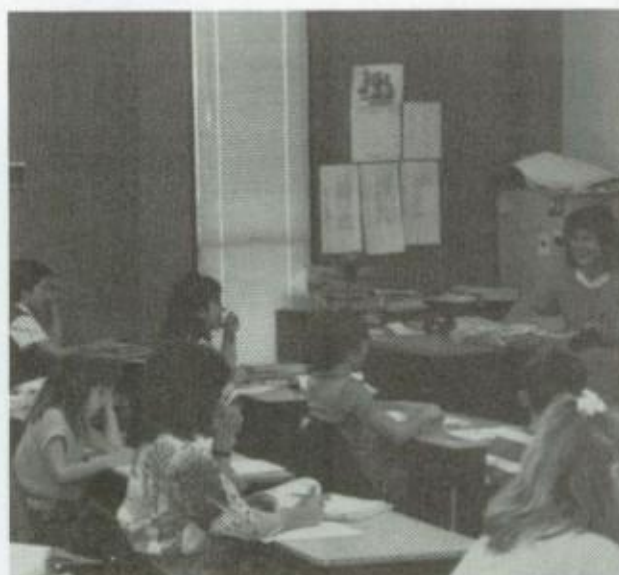
Fourth graders had to adjust to new teachers, new classmates, and new ways of learning, but they rose to the occasion and met these challenges very well.

Mrs. Donna Owen's fine arts classes presented a Thanksgiving play to the whole school in November. Mrs. Barbara Lackey's science classes performed many educational experiments.

Highlights of the year included two volunteers from the University of Texas Institute of Texan Cultures, who came to school and presented the Indian Tex-Kit in October. The Indian Tex-Kit details the life of the Indians of Texas. The fourth grade then took a field trip to the Institute of Texan Cultures in February.

All fourth grade eyes are on Pedro Bautista. The students presented a Thanksgiving play to their teachers and classmates.

Mrs. Barbara Lackey shares a laugh with her students. The students were learning new ways to demonstrate their mathematical abilities.



Joey Browning and Ricky Mercer take time for a quick drink from the water fountain. Fourth graders especially enjoyed the after-lunch recess on the play ground.



# FOURTH



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Mr. John Mason  
Mrs. Donna Owen

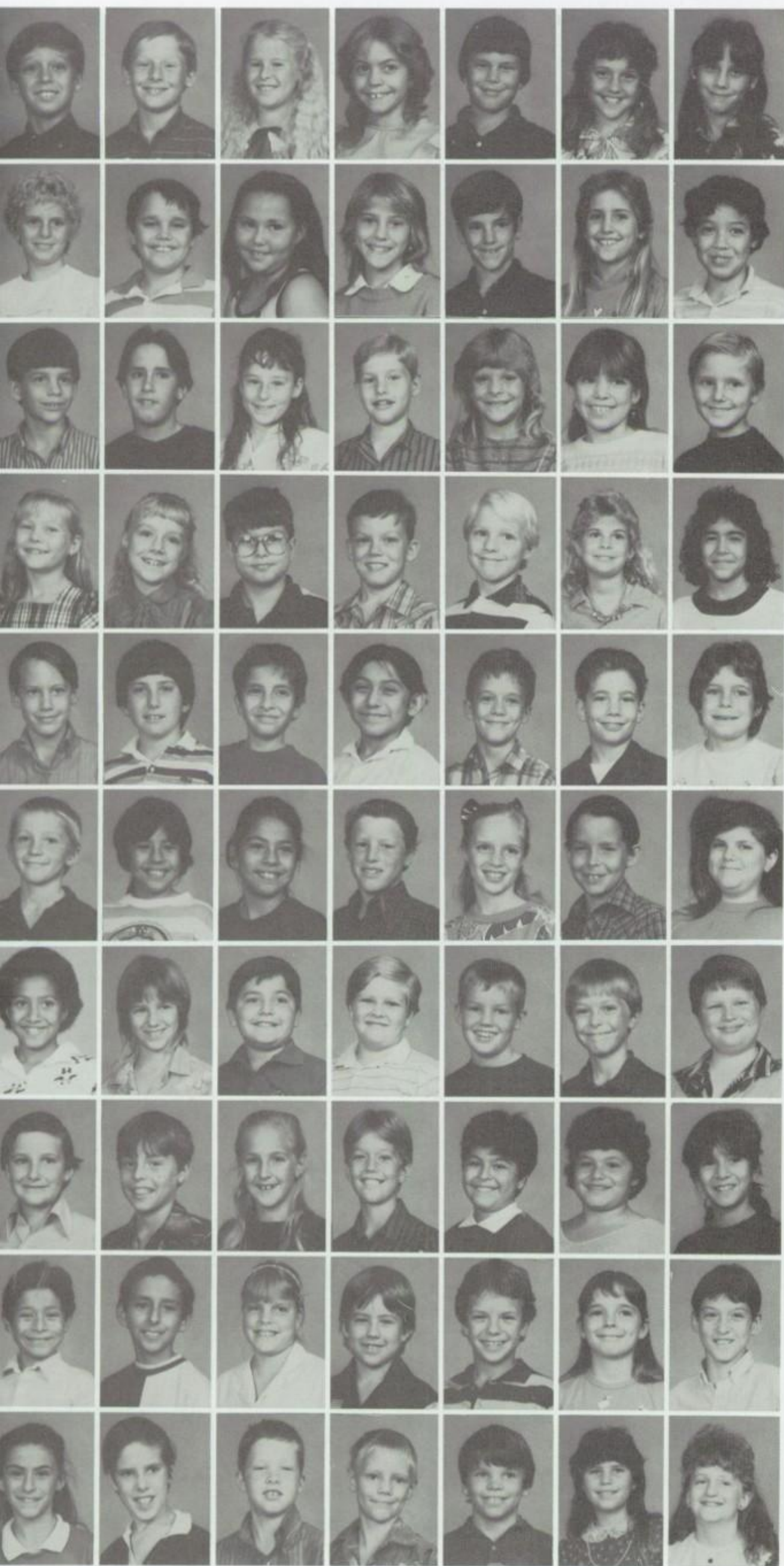
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Todd Matheaus  
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Carlos Mendez  
Ricky Mercer  
Chris Metcalf  
Shanda Miller

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Shane Morrison  
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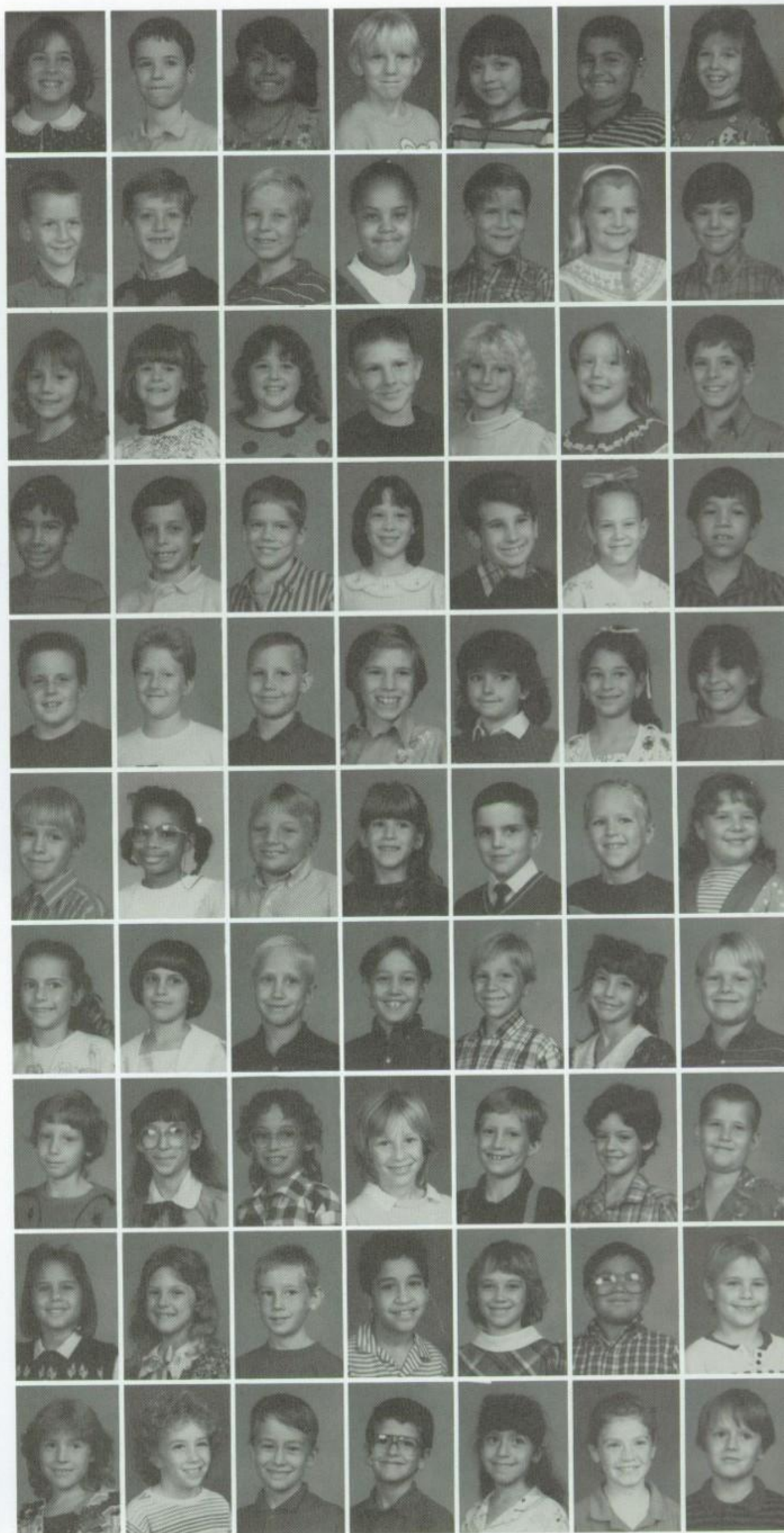
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Mrs. Ann Mary Allen  
Mrs. Diana Beran  
Mrs. Laurie Sekula  
Mrs. Gerri Simms

## Class size jumps suddenly

The finally-settled third graders were hard at work this year. "Last year's stylish second graders have become comfortably dressed and hard working third graders," stated Mrs. Laurie Sekula. Along with their new classrooms, new, more difficult texts were issued, which caused hours of additional work for teachers as well as the students.

The small population of students in the third grade has increased immensely. There are now a total of four classrooms. "In November, alone, five new students were enrolled and many more came at the beginning of second semester," explained Mrs. Diana Beran.

Mrs. Ann Mary Allen tries to get the attention of the photogenic third grade. The class had a busy schedule with few breaks this year.

Not pictured:  
Chanda Breecher



# THIRD



Jason Setzer  
Wesley Shadrock  
Jennifer Shelton  
Christopher Skillings  
Zachary Smith  
Ryan Titzman  
Bobby Turley

Matthew Turner  
Melisa Tuttle  
William Vader  
Jennifer Van Pelt  
Jamie Wagner  
Michael Wagner  
Janet Wehmeyer

Joseph Winkler  
Cody Woitena  
Michael Young  
Nicholas Young  
Tracey Young  
Esperanza Zuniga



## Second grade enjoys holidays

Second graders made great academic progress this year. Reading and math skills were emphasized to give youngsters a good background for years to come.

Students enjoyed decorating their classrooms to express their thoughts about special holidays throughout the year, such as Christmas, Halloween, and Valentine's Day.

Local history and places of interest in La Vernia were stressed by teachers. One highlight of the year was a walking field trip to City Hall in January.

**Second graders** parade near the high school on Halloween. Wearing costumes to school was an event.

**Hilary Dever** concentrates on her school work. Students learned to use their time wisely.

Mrs. Margaret Herrmann  
Mrs. Florence Higgins  
Mrs. Debra Wengler  
Mrs. Teri Wood



# SECOND

Melissa Adams  
Rene Arredondo  
Brian Barden  
David Belcher  
Charles Bongiovi  
Jolene Bowman  
Jeremy Briner  
Edwin Brisco  
Shanna Carver  
Allen Cervantes  
Dennis Cervanka  
Aaron Chiappini  
Heath Cover  
Samuel Cyr

Katie Davenport  
Dana Davila  
Frank DeHoyos  
Denise Demoin  
Hilary Dever







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Tiffany Doege  
Tanya Duelm  
Rodney Dugi  
Marcie Edwards  
Michael Edwards  
Jesse Engelke

Alan English  
Shane Erwin  
Charles Fimple  
Logan Freeman  
Natalie Friedrichs  
Donna Gitchel  
Joaquin Gonzales

Tiffany Gutz  
Jason Harrison  
Heather Haynes  
Justin Hellmann  
David Hernandez  
Carrie Hime  
Jack Hubbard

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Jodie Kolodziej

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Ryan Richter  
Adam Rivas

W.J. Robinson  
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Robert Sax  
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Matthew Schoenfeldt  
Rachel Schroeder  
Shannah Sekula

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Jessica Smith  
Stephanie Smith  
Amanda Spessard  
Brian Squires

Paul Wadlington  
Marcus Wallace  
Casey Walpole  
Joshua Waltisperger  
Malyssa Wieding  
Brian Wileman  
Jason Winkler



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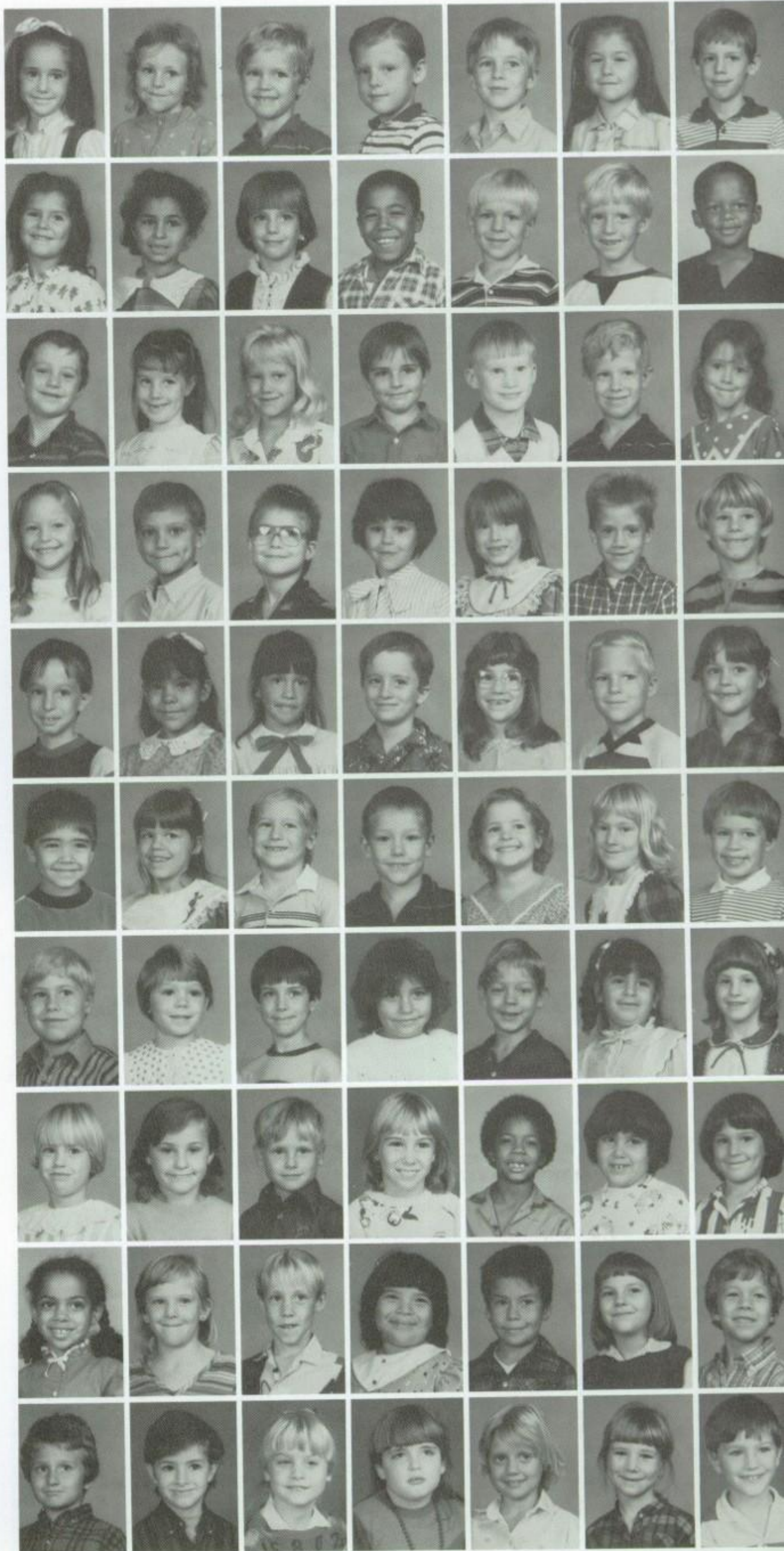
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Christopher Schmidt

Kyle Selby  
Adam Sheffield  
Kristin Sorbel  
Marlene Stanush  
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Nicole Stokes  
Hank Summers





Raymond Ward finishes his studies for another day. Getting ready to be a second grader was not an easy task.



Students take time out from their busy schedule for a short water break. Learning to move quietly in the halls as a group was difficult.



## Group masters basic skills

First grade teacher Mrs. Sharon Wadlington felt that last year's students were some of the brightest and fastest learners in a long time.

Much of the students' time was spent preparing for the second grade. Because of new state laws first graders had to work harder than ever before to develop math and reading skills.

Teachers rewarded the hard working students by allowing them to prepare special art projects. The highlight of the year was a visit to the Witte Museum.

The first graders' enthusiasm produced a fun and successful year for themselves and the teachers.



First graders listen closely during Mrs. Kathleen Robbins's class. Students were excited about learning the day's lesson.

# FIRST



Randall Swanson  
Daniel Van Pelt  
John Wadlington  
Tommy Wagner

Garrett Walden  
Raymond Ward  
Jennifer Warden  
Eric Winkler

Brandon Young  
Michelle Zuniga  
Richard Zuniga, Jr.



Mrs. Charlotte Gustafson  
Mrs. Cathy Pierdolla  
Mrs. Kathleen Robbins  
Mrs. Sharon Wadlington



## Long journey starts here

"Very bright," Mrs. Sheri Boos said to describe the Kindergarten.

Being a kindergartener is harder than most people think. Through the year they learned how to read, print, add and subtract, tell time, and count. Not only did they learn academic traits, they learned good personal habits.

Having a garden was a fun and exciting experiment. The kindergarten planted lettuce, garlic, green beans, tomatoes, and squash, and then tasted their produce. Learning to cook delighted the children.

Kindergarten students performed songs for the Christmas program, which turned out to be a big success. The main event of the year was going on a field trip to Scull Dairy and having a picnic.

Not Pictured:  
Lou Della Finucane

Mrs. Iris Seale and Sheali Moechrig are cutting a pumpkin for their pie. The whole class participated in the activity.



Listening skills become important as kindergarteners learn to listen and think. These students learned to follow directions in Mrs. Seale's class.

Joshua Schulz enjoys the cookie he baked for Christmas. One of the highlights of the year was making cookies with the help of the Homemaking department.



# KINDERGARTEN



Mrs. Sherri Boos  
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Ms. Mary Jane Eredia  
Mrs. Iris Seale

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Sandra Arellano  
Brandi Armstrong  
Eric Armstrong  
Sean Bales

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Amanda Grun  
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Julie Hajek  
Donna Hansmann  
Justin Harris  
Robert Herrington  
Beau Helbig  
Amanda Hoovey  
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Maximillam Lopez  
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Shirley Mainz  
Nancy Morreyo  
Clayton Marx  
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McCullough  
Jonathan McKnight  
Sheali Moehrig  
Nichol Monsess  
Nola Morgan  
Brandi Morrison  
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Dana Perry  
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Holly Presley  
Loudella Rakowitz  
Kevin Ramsey  
Ruben Rangel  
Jodi Rush

Robert Salinas  
Jonathan Schmidt  
Joshua Schulz  
Matthew Schultz  
Clinton Selby  
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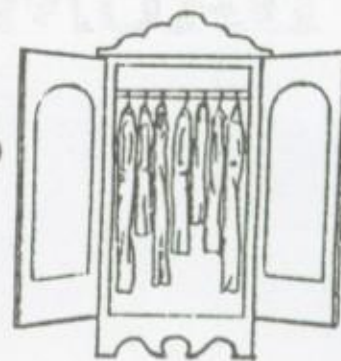




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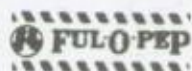
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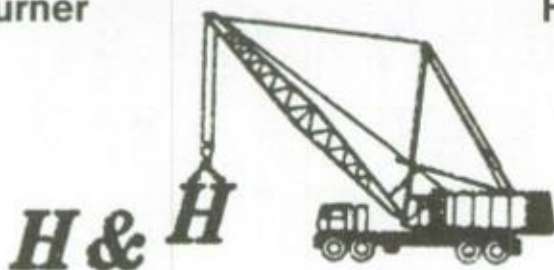
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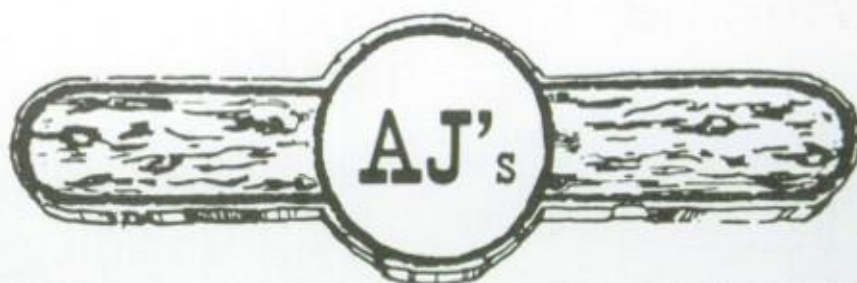
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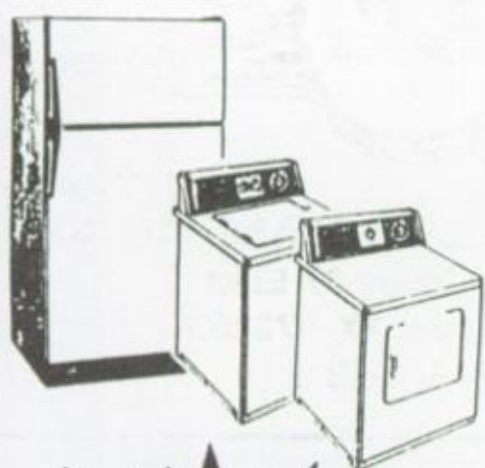


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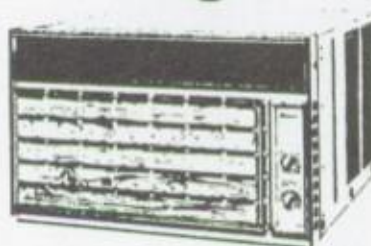
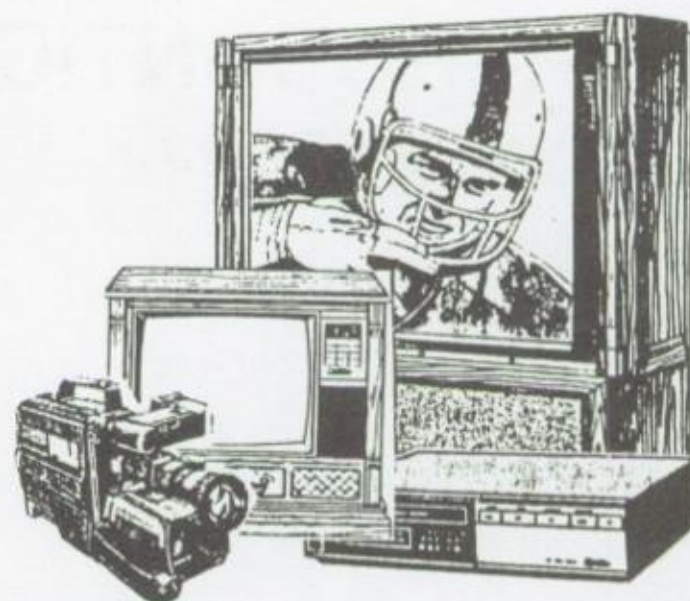
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# LVHS puts it ALL on the line

To keep up its high standards, La Vernia High had to put it all on the line this year. The school had to equal or surpass our old records in order to remain a top school. Everyone cared, from the first grader learning to read to the senior getting his diploma. The varsity football team became area champs for the first time; the school won the UIL academic meet for the second year in a row. The band went to regional competition again this year. In the agriculture department, the freshman quiz team took first place at state, and in the spring, the computer team won high honors against larger schools in an all-state competition.

Additional honors courses and computer disks for practice helped raise SAT and ACT scores. The elementary and intermediate school classes geared their studies toward upholding the winning tradition.

The fact that this was a overwhelmingly successful year is the **bottom line**.

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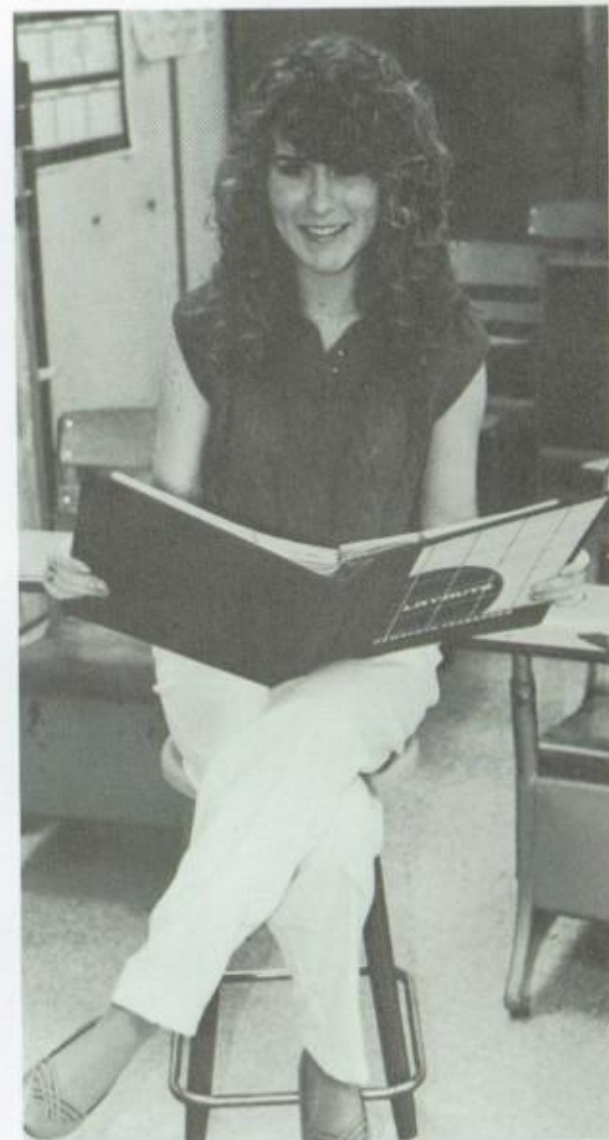
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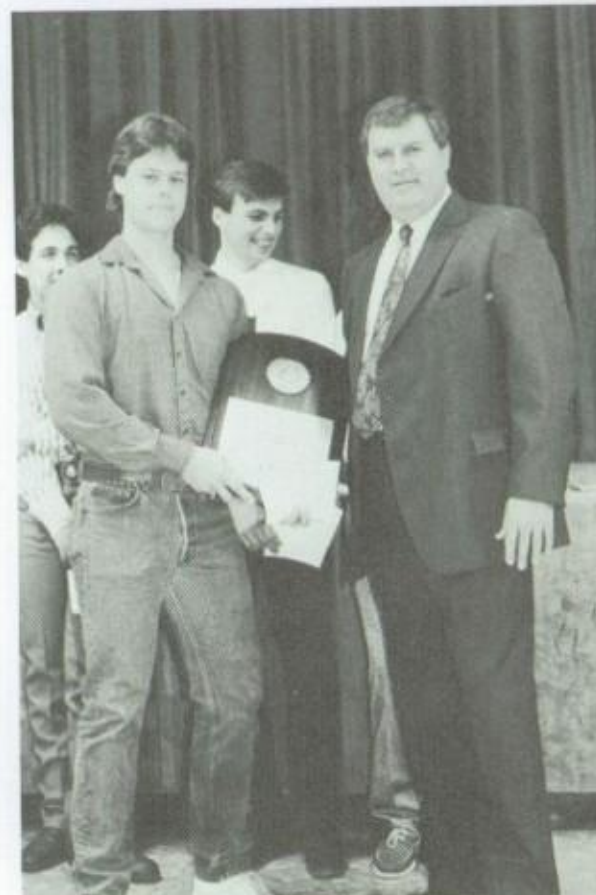
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The FFA Banquet was held to honor outstanding agriculture students. The FFA teams have gained a reputation for doing well in competition.



At the Awards Ceremony, Craig Lackey presents Mr. James Maher with the UIL plaque. La Vernia swept the district meet with about 300 points.









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